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Opposer American Marriage Ministries hereby submits the final transcript of the certified corrected transcript of the testimony deposition of Lewis King taken September 11, 2020, with exhibits and errata sheet. The transcript was submitted and served on opposing counsel during Plaintiff's Testimony Period. It is being resubmitted formatted to conform to CFR §Sec. 2.123(g) pursuant to Applicant's request.

The testimony is relevant as evidence of Opposer's competitive need to use the term "get ordained," functional (non-trademark) use of "get ordained" by Opposer and third parties as a "call to action" to prompt visitors to get ordained, evidence of the public view of the term "get ordained." Such evidence is associated with the issue of standing, use of "get ordained" by Opposer, no inherent distinctiveness or acquired distinctiveness, a lack of exclusivity of use, the relevant public's understanding of the term "get ordained," failure of the term "get ordained" to function as a trademark or source identifier for relevant services, descriptive use of "get ordained," generic use of "get ordained," and damage to the Opposer which would result if a "term of art" or key phrase used by the industry is not available for use.

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- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q Could you please describe your role with
- 4 AMM?
- 5 A I am the executive director for American
- 6 Marriage Ministries.
- 7 Q How long have you been in that position?
- 8 A I've been in this position for
- 9 approximately two years.
- 10 Q Have you held any other position with AMM?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q What other position or positions have you
- 13 held?
- 14 A Prior to my current role, I was serving as
- 15 communications director for about four or five
- 16 months. And prior to that, I was assisting AMM in
- 17 the capacity as a contractor working on some
- 18 publishing projects.
- 19 Q Could you please describe in general terms
- 20 what the purpose of AMM is?
- 21 A AMM is a Internet church that provides
- 22 online ordinations for people that want to perform
- 23 wedding ceremonies for friends and family members.
- Q Does AMM ordain people?
- 25 A Yes.

- 1 LEWIS KING SEPTEMBER 11, 2020
- 2 Q Okay. And what does it mean to ordain
- 3 people?
- 4 MR. MATESKY: Objection. Relevance and
- 5 calls for speculation regarding third-party
- 6 understanding.
- 7 THE WITNESS: Ordaining -- to ordain
- 8 someone means to provide them with an ordination,
- 9 which is a pact between a religious or non- -- which
- 10 is a pact between an organization and an individual
- 11 that empowers them with the ability to perform
- 12 certain functions on behalf of and in the name of
- 13 the organization.
- 14 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 15 Q And can you please describe what it means
- 16 to "get ordained"?
- 17 MR. MATESKY: Objection. Lack of
- 18 foundation, calls for information outside the
- 19 witness's personal knowledge, speculation as to
- 20 third-party understanding, opinion testimony.
- 21 THE WITNESS: Get ordained -- or to "get
- 22 ordained" is a verbal phrase which is -- which
- 23 describes the act of receiving an ordination,
- 24 which -- yeah.
- 25 ///

- 1 LEWIS KING SEPTEMBER 11, 2020
- 2 BY MS. MENNEMETER:
- 3 Q Does getting ordained qualify somebody to
- 4 do anything that they would not able to do if they
- 5 were not ordained?
- 6 MR. MATESKY: Objection. Lack of
- 7 foundation.
- 8 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 9 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 10 Q What does getting ordained qualify a person
- 11 to do that they might not be able to do if they
- 12 weren't ordained?
- 13 MR. MATESKY: Objection. Calls for
- 14 improper opinion testimony.
- THE WITNESS: Would you mind repeating the
- 16 question, please?
- 17 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 18 Q What does getting ordained qualify somebody
- 19 to do that they wouldn't be able to do if they were
- 20 not ordained?
- MR. MATESKY: Same objection.
- 22 THE WITNESS: Getting ordained qualifies
- 23 people to do a number of things. In terms of their
- 24 relationship with the organization that provided the
- 25 ordination, getting ordained lets them act on behalf

- 1 LEWIS KING SEPTEMBER 11, 2020
- 2 of that organization as an official or a minister of
- 3 that organization.
- 4 So, for example, it would let somebody
- 5 perform a wedding ceremony in the role of wedding
- 6 officiant or minister on behalf of that
- 7 organization.
- 8 There are other things that getting
- 9 ordained allows somebody to do in -- on behalf of
- 10 the religious organization such as presiding over
- 11 funerals, baptisms, and generally leading a
- 12 congregation in worship.
- 13 MR. MATESKY: Object to this response to
- 14 the extent it's outside his personal knowledge
- 15 regarding third-party organizations.
- 16 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 17 Q How do you know that ordination enables
- 18 somebody to do the things that you just described?
- 19 A Well, in the context of allowing somebody
- 20 to officiate a wedding ceremony, I know this because
- 21 it's explicitly stated in state law, which says that
- 22 ordained ministers of religious organizations are
- 23 allowed to officiate weddings.
- In the context of other -- you know, other
- 25 ministerial duties that ordination allows one to

- 1 LEWIS KING SEPTEMBER 11, 2020
- 2 take on, I know this because this is something that
- 3 we've had to consider in the daily function of our
- 4 own religious organization.
- 5 And I know this from having been a part of
- 6 our religious organizations in the past. This is
- 7 what ordination allows or empowers somebody to do.
- 8 MR. MATESKY: Objection to the extent the
- 9 response is improper legal opinion testimony with no
- 10 foundation.
- 11 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 12 Q What kinds of people might be inclined to
- 13 get ordained?
- 14 MR. MATESKY: Objection. Calls for
- 15 speculation, information outside the witness's
- 16 personal knowledge, hypothetical.
- 17 THE WITNESS: Well, based on my experience
- 18 interacting with people that have been ordained
- 19 through American Marriage Ministries, I would say
- 20 that every kind of person that you can possibly
- 21 imagine would seek out and undergo ordination.
- 22 It really -- people -- that demographic
- 23 represents people from all walks of life, every
- 24 state, every sort of socioeconomic group that you
- 25 can possibly imagine is represented by this group

- 1 LEWIS KING SEPTEMBER 11, 2020
- 2 that we're talking about right here.
- 3 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 4 Q How does one go about getting ordained?
- 5 MR. MATESKY: Objection. Vague.
- 6 THE WITNESS: In the context of American
- 7 Marriage Ministries, one goes about getting ordained
- 8 by applying for ordination on our website and
- 9 submitting that ordination application, which
- 10 incidentally makes them an ordained minister.
- 11 Generally speaking, ordination is sought
- 12 out and undertaken with an organization that
- 13 represents your values and beliefs. And -- can we
- 14 back up on that? Would you mind repeating the
- 15 question? Sorry. I got --
- 16 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 17 Q Sure. I was wondering how -- well, what
- 18 the process for getting ordained looks like.
- MR. MATESKY: Okay. So I'm going to object
- 20 to the extent it calls for information outside his
- 21 personal knowledge, and to his prior response to the
- 22 extent it's based on other organizations, not AMM.
- THE WITNESS: The process of getting
- 24 ordained is -- ordination is a religious pact or
- 25 contract between an organization or individual that

- 1 LEWIS KING SEPTEMBER 11, 2020
- 2 determines the ordination and the processes decided
- 3 by the organization and undertaken by the
- 4 individual.
- 5 So, in the case of American Marriage
- 6 Ministries, our process of getting ordained is very
- 7 straightforward. You read our -- what we stand for,
- 8 and you agree to that. You agree to our terms of
- 9 service. You agree that you're over the age of 18,
- 10 and you do so as a -- you know, willfully and
- 11 consciously.
- 12 And you become an ordained minister once
- 13 you submit that application.
- 14 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 15 Q Do you know what the process for getting
- 16 ordained looks like with any other organizations?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 MR. MATESKY: Objection. Lack of
- 19 foundation.
- 20 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 21 Q Have you personally gotten ordained through
- 22 any other organizations?
- 23 A Yes.
- Q What other organizations have you gotten
- 25 ordained through?

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- 2 A I have gotten ordained through a number of
- 3 different organizations. I've gotten ordained
- 4 through ULCM. I am an ordained Dudeist priest.
- 5 Q Any other organizations?
- 6 A O Ministry.
- 7 Q What was the process -- what did the
- 8 process entail for getting ordained with ULCM? And
- 9 to back up for a moment, what organization do you
- 10 mean when you say "ULCM"?
- 11 A I mean the Universal Life Church Monastery
- 12 Storehouse. And I did so through the website
- 13 GetOrdained.org.
- 14 Q What was the -- what did the process
- 15 involve for getting ordained as a Dudeist priest?
- 16 A The process for getting ordained as a
- 17 Dudeist priest was, you know, aesthetically
- 18 different but essentially the same process that we
- 19 provide on our website, TheAMM.org.
- It's a simple matter of submitting an
- 21 ordination application and applying for ordination.
- 22 And you are instantly ordained as a Dudeist priest.
- 23 Q And what was the process like for getting
- 24 ordained with O Ministries?
- 25 A The process involved navigating to the

- 1 LEWIS KING SEPTEMBER 11, 2020
- 2 O Ministry's website and filling out an ordination
- 3 application and submitting it, at which point I
- 4 became an ordained minister with O Ministries or
- 5 Open Ministries.
- 6 Q Are you aware of any other organizations
- 7 besides the ones you just described that ordain
- 8 people?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q Could you identify some of those other
- 11 organizations?
- 12 A Sure. I know there's the Church of
- 13 Metaphysics. I know there is NAC Ministers.
- 14 There's Wanderlust Bay, Church of the Open Road.
- 15 There's the original ULC out of Modesto. There's
- 16 Rose Ministries. And that's -- those are the ones
- 17 that are coming to me off the top of my head.
- 18 MR. MATESKY: Objection. Lack of
- 19 foundation, lack of personal knowledge.
- 20 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 21 Q How did you become aware of those
- 22 organizations?
- 23 A I became aware of those organizations in my
- 24 capacity as -- English. I became aware of those
- 25 organizations in my capacity as executive director

- 1 LEWIS KING SEPTEMBER 11, 2020
- 2 of American Marriage Ministries.
- 3 I frequently and routinely do research of
- 4 the ordination landscape and see which other
- 5 organizations are out there and how they're
- 6 providing ministries and generally try and get a
- 7 sense of where American Marriage Ministries fits in
- 8 the broader ordination industry.
- 9 MR. MATESKY: Objection to the extent the
- 10 answer is based on hearsay.
- 11 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 12 Q And, to the extent this was not included in
- 13 your prior answer, how did you become aware that
- 14 those organizations you just identified ordain
- 15 people?
- 16 A I did so by reading the copy on their
- 17 website. They explicitly state that they ordain
- 18 people, that they provide ordinations. And the
- 19 value -- and they sort of, you know, communicate the
- 20 value of their ordinations that they're offering.
- I also became aware of the fact that they
- 22 offer ordinations by reading about them in blogs or
- 23 in the news and following their act- -- their
- 24 general activities.
- MR. MATESKY: Objection. That response is

- 1 LEWIS KING SEPTEMBER 11, 2020
- 2 hearsay.
- 3 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 4 Q Do you personally know people who have
- 5 gotten ordained through AMM?
- 6 A Yes, I do.
- 8 ordained through an organization besides AMM or
- 9 ULCMS?
- 10 A Yes, I do.
- 11 Q What organization or organizations have
- 12 those people gotten ordained with?
- 13 A I know someone who has gotten ordained
- 14 through Church of the Latter-Day Dude as a Dudeist
- 15 priest. I know somebody who has gotten ordained by
- 16 the Church of Pastafarianism. And I know people who
- 17 have gotten ordained through -- with the original --
- 18 with the Modesto ULC.
- And I also know a number of people who have
- 20 gotten ordained with organizations that they can't
- 21 even recall who they got ordained with. They just
- 22 say, "Yes, I've gotten ordained online, and I don't
- 23 recall who I got ordained with."
- MR. MATESKY: So I object to that response
- 25 as outside the witness's personal knowledge,

- 1 LEWIS KING SEPTEMBER 11, 2020
- 2 hearsay, and lack of foundation.
- 3 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 4 Q I'll come back to that.
- 5 Do you have any experience in the
- 6 ordination industry besides your experience with
- 7 AMM?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q How many --
- 10 MR. MATESKY: I'm going to object to the
- 11 question as vague in use of "ordination industry."
- 12 I apologize for not getting that in earlier.
- MS. MENNEMEIER: Sure.
- 14 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 15 Q Can you explain what you understand the
- 16 ordination industry to be?
- 17 A Sure. I understand that to be a sort of
- 18 ecosystem of organizations that provide ordinations.
- 19 And obviously that's a pretty -- that's pretty broad
- 20 in scope.
- 21 But when I refer to the ordination
- 22 industry, I refer to it -- I'm referring
- 23 specifically to organizations that provide online
- 24 ordination and organizations that subsequently sell
- 25 documentation and ministerial products to fund their

- 1 LEWIS KING SEPTEMBER 11, 2020
- 2 activities.
- 3 Q And when you or I use the term "ordination
- 4 industry" today, do you understand that to include
- 5 the organizations that you've described -- that
- 6 you've identified so far?
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 MR. MATESKY: Objection. Vague.
- 9 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 10 Q How many years of experience in the
- 11 ordination industry do you have?
- 12 A I want to say it's getting on to three
- 13 years now, yeah. Close to -- approximately three
- 14 years of experience.
- 15 Q Do you have experience interacting with
- 16 people who are interested in getting ordained?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q In what contexts have you interacted with
- 19 people interested in getting ordained?
- 20 MR. MATESKY: Objection. Calls for
- 21 speculation and information outside the witness's
- 22 personal knowledge.
- 23 THE WITNESS: I have interacted with people
- 24 that were seeking ordination in a number of
- 25 different capacities.

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- In terms of interpersonal interaction, I
- 3 interacted with hundreds of people in Tennessee who
- 4 were seeking to get ordained in person back in the
- 5 summer of 2018 or '19 -- it's a little hazy right
- 6 now -- when American Marriage Ministries was on the
- 7 ground in Tennessee providing in-person ordinations.
- 8 I've also interacted with people seeking
- 9 ordination in the office or through e-mail and
- 10 telephone communications, folks who have reached out
- 11 to us and reached out to our customer service
- 12 department to find out more about the ordinations
- 13 that we offer, what the implications are, and more
- 14 details about the services that we offer and what
- 15 ordination means.
- 16 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 17 Q Do you have experience interacting with
- 18 people who have already gotten ordained?
- 19 A Yes, I do.
- 20 Q Could you explain what context -- in which
- 21 context you've interacted with people who have
- 22 already gotten ordained?
- 23 A Absolutely. Again, in terms of
- 24 interpersonal interactions, I would -- I'd go back
- 25 to Tennessee where a good number of the people who

- 1 LEWIS KING SEPTEMBER 11, 2020
- 2 we ordained in person were people who we had already
- 3 ordained online. But these were people who needed
- 4 to have an in-person ordination so that they could,
- 5 at the time, be in compliance with the law that
- 6 prohibited online-ordained ministers from
- 7 officiating weddings.
- 8 So these are people who had already gotten
- 9 ordained with American Marriage Ministries or other
- 10 online organizations who were seeking in-person
- 11 ordinations.
- 12 I've also interacted with people in my own
- 13 sort of social capacity who have gotten ordained
- 14 through various organizations online. Because of
- 15 what I do for a living, the topic often comes up.
- 16 And so we just -- we talk about "Oh, hey," you know,
- 17 they'll mention to me that they got ordained online,
- 18 and we'll discuss that.
- Thirdly, I've interacted with people that
- 20 have gotten ordained online just in American
- 21 Marriage Ministries at the office, folks who have
- 22 completed our ordination application and want
- 23 additional information or discussion beyond what's
- 24 provided on the website.
- MR. MATESKY: And just an objection to the

- 1 LEWIS KING SEPTEMBER 11, 2020
- 2 extent he's representing the content of third-party
- 3 statements for the truth of those statements.
- 4 (Interruption by the reporter.)
- 5 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 6 Q With respect to the personal conversations
- 7 that you were describing with people who have
- 8 already gotten ordained, when you encounter people
- 9 in your personal life who have already gotten
- 10 ordained, do you ever ask them what organization
- 11 they got ordained with?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q Based on your experience talking to people
- 14 like that, do you have a sense for people's just
- 15 general brand awareness regarding online-ordination
- 16 organizations?
- 17 MR. MATESKY: Objection to the extent it
- 18 calls for speculation and information outside the
- 19 witness's personal knowledge, improper opinion
- 20 testimony.
- THE WITNESS: Yes, I do.
- 22 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 23 Q And what is your understanding of people's
- 24 general awareness regarding online-ordination
- 25 organizations based on your --

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- 2 MR. MATESKY: Same -- same objection,
- 3 vague, calls for speculation.
- 4 THE WITNESS: Well, this is one of the
- 5 first things I get into when the topic arises
- 6 because, as somebody that's very concerned with the
- 7 brand of my own organization, I want to understand
- 8 how they understand brand awareness of organizations
- 9 that provide online ordinations.
- 10 So the topic always comes up, and it's --
- 11 in a couple of different ways. Quite often people
- 12 don't actually know who they got ordained with.
- 13 They just know that they were ordained with someone.
- 14 They'll oftentimes say something like "It was a
- 15 Universal something, but I don't really know."
- Oftentimes, because of my knowledge of the
- 17 ordination industry landscape, we can narrow it down
- 18 and we can figure out if it was GetOrdained or if it
- 19 was a ULCM entity or if it was the original ULC or
- 20 if it was any of the other organizations.
- 21 And, of course, I always ask, "Was it
- 22 American Marriage Ministries?" because that's the
- 23 link that I'm interested in in particular.
- So, to sum all that up, I'd say there's
- 25 generally pretty low brand awareness of

- 1 LEWIS KING SEPTEMBER 11, 2020
- 2 organizations operating in the online ordination --
- 3 online-ordination ecosystem.
- 4 MR. MATESKY: Same objection as previously
- 5 plus hearsay.
- 6 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 7 Q Based on your experience talking to people
- 8 that have already gotten ordained, do you have a
- 9 sense for how strong people's brand loyalty is to
- 10 the organization that ordained them?
- MR. MATESKY: Same objections.
- 12 THE WITNESS: I do.
- 13 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 14 Q What is that understanding?
- MR. MATESKY: Same objections.
- 16 THE WITNESS: My understanding is that
- 17 there is not a lot of brand loyalty, in that most
- 18 times people who get ordained do so because they
- 19 want to officiate a wedding ceremony. They
- 20 understand that, by getting ordained, they gain a
- 21 certain legal status that allows them to officiate
- 22 weddings and sign marriage documents.
- 23 And, generally speaking, as Americans, we
- 24 all sort of understand the role that religion and
- 25 religious organizations play in society.

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- 2 So we say, "Okay. Well, I have the same
- 3 legal status as any other minister of any brick or
- 4 mortar organization."
- 5 And if somebody -- and as people that
- 6 oftentimes aren't very religious, they're doing so
- 7 to get that legal status, not because they want to
- 8 necessarily be a -- you know, be involved with that
- 9 organization beyond that simple act of officiating a
- 10 wedding.
- 11 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 12 Q You've mentioned ordination conferring a
- 13 certain legal status a couple times. And I want to
- 14 follow up on that.
- Does the word "ordain" have legal
- 16 significance?
- 17 MR. MATESKY: Objection. Calls for
- 18 improper opinion testimony, information outside the
- 19 witness's personal knowledge.
- THE WITNESS: Yes, it does.
- 21 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 22 Q What is --
- 23 MR. MATESKY: Lack of -- sorry. Lack of
- 24 foundation.
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- 1 LEWIS KING SEPTEMBER 11, 2020
- 2 BY MS. MENNEMETER:
- 3 Q What is that legal significance?
- 4 A That legal significance is that the word --
- 5 or the term "ordained minister" or "ordained" shows
- 6 up in many states' wedding laws --
- 7 MR. MATESKY: Same objections. I
- 8 apologize.
- 9 THE WITNESS: -- specifically allowing
- 10 ordained ministers to solemnize marriage in a
- 11 certain state.
- 12 So the state law that defines who can
- 13 officiate a wedding specifically mentions and allows
- 14 ordained ministers to do that.
- 15 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 16 Q Can you provide any examples of states that
- 17 have the word "ordain" in their state wedding laws?
- 18 MR. MATESKY: Same objections as before.
- 19 And also to the extent he's testifying regarding
- 20 documents that have not been produced.
- 21 THE WITNESS: Yes, I can.
- 22 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 23 Q Could you please do so?
- 24 A Yeah.
- MR. MATESKY: Same objections.

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- THE WITNESS: I know Washington State
- 3 specifically describes ordained ministers as people
- 4 that are allowed to officiate weddings. I know the
- 5 same applies for states including Tennessee,
- 6 Florida, Virginia, and New York State.
- 7 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 8 Q How do you know that certain states use the
- 9 word "ordain" in their state law?
- MR. MATESKY: Same objections.
- 11 THE WITNESS: I do so for a couple of
- 12 reasons. One reason is that we publish state
- 13 wedding laws on our website. So I've reviewed that
- 14 copy, and I've seen the word "ordained minister"
- 15 popping up.
- So we're taking -- word for word, we're
- 17 taking marriage law from a state's marriage law
- 18 repository and moving that over onto our website.
- 19 So I know that that copy is the same and that that's
- 20 the case.
- I also know because I sort of, like, follow
- 22 very closely the developments in marriage law in all
- 23 the different states. And I've actually worked with
- 24 or reached out to a number of lawmakers to help them
- 25 understand the importance of online-ordained

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- 2 ministers and the role that online-ordained
- 3 ministers play in their communities.
- 4 MR. MATESKY: Also object as hearsay and
- 5 lack of personal knowledge.
- 6 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 7 Q For which states have you personally been
- 8 in contact with lawmakers?
- 9 A I have personally been in contact with
- 10 lawmakers in the states Virginia and New York.
- 11 Q And in what context specifically were you
- 12 in contact with lawmakers in those states about?
- 13 A Sure.
- MR. MATESKY: Same objection. Vague.
- 15 THE WITNESS: In both of those states I was
- 16 in contact with lawmakers who were coauthors or
- 17 authors of amendments to bills that would have had
- 18 an impact on the status of online-ordained ministers
- 19 in their communities.
- So in the case of New York, that was with
- 21 Representative Sandra Galef -- or Sandy Galef. And
- 22 she's out of Ossining. And she was proposing --
- 23 well, she'd actually introduced two laws.
- The first law was saying either we sort of
- 25 clarify the role of online-ordained ministers and

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- 2 sort of make it very clear in marriage law that
- 3 online-ordained ministers are allowed to officiate
- 4 weddings.
- 5 And then the second one was kind of a
- 6 poison-pill followup that says, "Okay. If this bill
- 7 doesn't pass, bill No. 2 says online-ordained
- 8 ministers aren't allowed to officiate weddings in
- 9 the state of New York."
- 10 So that's obviously really problematic even
- 11 though we agreed with the goal and that she was
- 12 generally supportive of online-ordained ministers,
- 13 we thought that it was important that she understood
- 14 that bill No. 2 was a real sort of -- really
- 15 questioned the credibility and legal status of
- 16 online-ordained ministers.
- So for us it's always important for us to
- 18 reach out proactively to lawmakers and let them know
- 19 "Hey, look, you've got thousands, tens of thousands
- 20 of online-ordained ministers in your community who
- 21 you represent. And it's important that your state's
- 22 marriage law is, you know -- is supportive of them."
- 23 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- O Does AMM use the word "ordain"?
- 25 A Yes.

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- 3 A We use the word "ordain" and "ordained"
- 4 because it is the most direct and accurate way of
- 5 describing the status that we confer onto people who
- 6 take advantage of the services that we offer.
- 7 Q Could AMM stop using the word "ordained"?
- 8 A It's possible that we could stop using the
- 9 word "ordained." It would be incredibly challenging
- 10 and problematic, and we'd have to really get a
- 11 pretty sophisticated thesaurus to continue to do our
- 12 jobs.
- MR. MATESKY: Objection to the extent the
- 14 answer is nonresponsive.
- 15 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 16 Q Could you explain the challenges for AMM if
- 17 it were to have to stop using the word "ordained"?
- 18 A Sure. In purely practical terms, it would
- 19 require a lot of work to just basically rewrite all
- 20 the copy that we have on our website to communicate
- 21 essentially the same thing without using what we
- 22 consider to be the best word to describe what we
- 23 offer.
- And, in addition to that, we would have to
- 25 undergo a similar process with our marketing, with

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- 2 our sort of copy creation, with our blog, and with
- 3 the way that we interact with ministers and
- 4 potential ministers.
- 5 Q If AMM were in a position where it had to
- 6 stop using the word "ordained," how would that
- 7 affect its ability to cite to state law?
- 8 MR. MATESKY: Objection on the grounds --
- 9 on the prior grounds of referring to documents not
- 10 introduced as evidence, improper opinion testimony,
- 11 and outside the witness's personal knowledge.
- 12 THE WITNESS: Well, as we discussed
- 13 earlier, we present and publish state marriage law
- 14 on our own website, so we would be unable to publish
- 15 portions of documents that are published on state
- 16 websites on our own website, and we would
- 17 essentially have to take that part of our website
- 18 down or black out certain words and hope that people
- 19 understood what we were talking about.
- 20 It would be -- we would essentially have to
- 21 remove, you know, state laws that are published in
- 22 order to help people understand what the laws are.
- 23 We'd have to take that down from our own website,
- 24 and we would be unable to provide the sort of
- 25 information services that we do to our ministers.

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- 2 (Interruption by the reporter.)
- 3 MS. MENNEMEIER: Yes, absolutely.
- 4 (Recess taken from 12:51 p.m.
- 5 to 12:58 p.m.)
- 6 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 7 Q Is ordination a religious service?
- 8 MR. MATESKY: Objection. Vague. Calls for
- 9 information outside the witness's personal
- 10 knowledge. Speculation as to third-party
- 11 understandings.
- 12 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 13 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 14 Q Is ordination an ecclesiastical service?
- MR. MATESKY: Same objections.
- 16 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 17 BY MS. MENNEMETER:
- 18 O What is an ecclesiastical service?
- MR. MATESKY: Same objections.
- 20 THE WITNESS: An ecclesiastical service
- 21 simply describes a service provided by a religious
- 22 organization, historically referring to a Christian
- 23 organization, but it's expanded in meaning since.
- 24 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 25 O Is --

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- 2 MR. MATESKY: Objection. Sorry. Lack of
- 3 foundation. Go on.
- 4 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 5 Q Is ordaining ministers to perform religious
- 6 services an ecclesiastical service?
- 7 MR. MATESKY: Same objections.
- 8 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 9 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 10 Q More specifically, is ordaining ministers
- 11 to perform weddings an ecclesiastical service?
- MR. MATESKY: Same objections.
- THE WITNESS: Yes, it is, because weddings
- 14 are generally considered to be a religious service
- 15 or religious event.
- 16 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 17 Q Are ordination services inherently
- 18 ecclesiastical services?
- MR. MATESKY: Same objections.
- THE WITNESS: Yes. Well, let me expand on
- 21 that --
- 22 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 23 O Sure.
- 24 A -- more a little bit. They are -- I
- 25 wouldn't say inherently because "ecclesiastical

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- 2 services" generally is referring to a church.
- 3 So I would say they are often
- 4 ecclesiastical services. But synagogues, mosques,
- 5 and other religious organizations that may not
- 6 consider their services to be ecclesiastical can
- 7 still offer ordination.
- 8 Q Okay. Thank you for that clarification.
- 9 Does it remain true that ordination
- 10 services are ecclesiastical services if the
- 11 ordination services are provided online?
- MR. MATESKY: Same objections.
- 13 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 14 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 15 Q What do you personally understand the
- 16 phrase "get ordained" to mean?
- 17 MR. MATESKY: Objection. Relevance.
- 18 THE WITNESS: "Get ordained" is a verbal
- 19 phrase. It's descriptive of the act of ordination,
- 20 which is a compact between an organization and an
- 21 individual that empowers or allows that organization
- 22 to undertake acts on behalf of and in the name of
- 23 that organization.
- 24 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 25 Q Do you understand the phrase "get ordained"

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- 2 to refer to any particular organization?
- 3 MR. MATESKY: Same objection. Irrelevant.
- 4 I'm sorry. I may have spoken over the
- 5 answer. I didn't hear the answer.
- 6 THE WITNESS: No.
- 7 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 8 Q Do you have any reason to believe, based on
- 9 your experience, that individuals seeking to get
- 10 ordained understand the phrase "get ordained" to
- 11 refer to any particular organization?
- 12 MR. MATESKY: Objection to the extent it
- 13 calls for information outside the witness's personal
- 14 knowledge.
- THE WITNESS: I have no reason to believe
- 16 that people seeking -- using the term "get ordained"
- 17 are doing so -- you know, can you repeat the
- 18 question? I kind of lost it there.
- 19 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 20 Q Absolutely. Do you have any reason to
- 21 believe, based on your experience, that individuals
- 22 who are seeking to get ordained understand the
- 23 phrase "get ordained" to refer to a particular
- 24 organization?
- MR. MATESKY: Same objections.

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- THE WITNESS: I have no reason to believe
- 3 that they are seeking out a particular organization.
- 4 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 5 Q Do you have an understanding of what
- 6 individuals who are seeking to get ordained
- 7 understand the phrase "get ordained" to mean?
- 8 MR. MATESKY: Objection. Ambiguous, lack
- 9 of foundation, calls for information outside the
- 10 witness's personal knowledge.
- 11 THE WITNESS: Yes, I do.
- MR. MATESKY: Also hearsay.
- 13 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 14 Q What do they understand the phrase "get
- 15 ordained" to mean?
- MR. MATESKY: Same objections. Improper
- 17 opinion testimony.
- 18 THE WITNESS: People that are using the
- 19 term "get ordained" are using it because they
- 20 think -- oh, man.
- 21 Would you mind repeating the question? I
- 22 want to, like, really get the language right here.
- 23 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 24 O Sure.
- 25 A There's a pretty long lag here.

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- 2 Q Absolutely. What do you -- what do people
- 3 who are seeking to become ordained understand the
- 4 phrase "get ordained" to mean?
- 5 MR. MATESKY: Same objections.
- 6 THE WITNESS: People understand the phrase
- 7 "get ordained" to mean the act of receiving an
- 8 ordination that allows them to do certain things
- 9 that they want to do and being -- becoming an
- 10 ordained minister by the organization that is
- 11 providing that ordination.
- So, in the case of AMM, when people use the
- 13 phrase "get ordained," they are -- and they find our
- 14 website, they're doing so looking for a particular
- 15 service that we do offer.
- 16 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 17 Q How do you know that that's how people who
- 18 want to get ordained understand the phrase "get
- 19 ordained"?
- MR. MATESKY: Same objections.
- 21 THE WITNESS: We know this for couple of
- 22 reasons. We know it because we can look at how
- 23 people are finding our website using Google
- 24 Analytics and Google Search console. And it will
- 25 tell us what folks are looking for, the phrases and

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- 2 keywords that they're using when they're looking for
- 3 what they are looking for.
- 4 And then whether or not they -- that search
- 5 takes them to our site and delivers a conversion,
- 6 which is essentially an ordination.
- 7 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 8 Q When you said "we" in your answer just now,
- 9 who were you referring to?
- 10 A American Marriage Ministries. And I guess
- 11 myself in particular. I -- this is what I've seen
- 12 and what I've learned.
- 13 Q Do you have an understanding of what people
- 14 who have already gotten ordained understand the
- 15 phrase "get ordained" to mean?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q What do those people understand the phrase
- 18 "get ordained" to mean?
- 19 A They understand the phrase "get ordained"
- 20 to mean that they have received an ordination that
- 21 empowers them to officiate wedding ceremonies for
- 22 friends and family members and that by -- through
- 23 that process of ordination, that they have become a
- 24 minister of our organization, American Marriage
- 25 Ministries.

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- 2 MR. MATESKY: Same objections as before.
- 3 Outside the witness's personal knowledge,
- 4 speculation, improper testimony, lack of foundation,
- 5 hearsay.
- 6 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 7 Q How did you come to that understanding?
- 8 A I did so in a number of ways but primarily
- 9 by -- through interactions with people that got
- 10 ordained through American Marriage Ministries'
- 11 website.
- MR. MATESKY: Same objections.
- 13 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 14 Q Are you personally aware of anyone who
- 15 associates the phrase "get ordained" with ULCMS?
- MR. MATESKY: Same objections.
- 17 THE WITNESS: Not the ULCMS specifically.
- 18 I know that there is -- that there are certain
- 19 people that associate the phrase "get ordained" with
- 20 the Universal Life Church more broadly, which would
- 21 include the Modesto organization and any number of
- 22 other options that exist out there, which there are
- 23 quite a few.
- 24 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 25 Q Are you aware of whether AMM as an

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- 2 organization has ever heard from somebody that it
- 3 ordained that that person associates the phrase "get
- 4 ordained" with ULCMS?
- 5 MR. MATESKY: Same objections.
- 6 THE WITNESS: No. I personally am not
- 7 aware of anybody that meets that description.
- 8 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 9 Q Has AMM ever heard from somebody that it
- 10 ordained that that person believed AMM was
- 11 affiliated with ULCMS because AMM used the phrase
- 12 "get ordained"?
- 13 A Never.
- 14 MR. MATESKY: Objection. Vague, ambiguous.
- 15 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 16 Q How long has AMM been ordaining people?
- 17 A AMM has been ordaining people since our
- 18 inception in July 2009.
- 19 Q How long has AMM been using the phrase "get
- 20 ordained" in conjunction with ordaining people?
- 21 A We have been using the phrase or the term
- 22 "get ordained" ever since we've started ordaining
- 23 people back in 2009.
- 24 Q How many ministers has AMM ordained total?
- MR. MATESKY: Objection. Outside witness's

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- 2 personal knowledge.
- 3 THE WITNESS: We have ordained in excess of
- 4 730,000 ministers.
- 5 MR. MATESKY: Objection. Lack of
- 6 foundation. And to the extent he's relying on
- 7 documents that have not been produced.
- 8 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 9 Q How do you know that?
- 10 A I know that because we update our minister
- 11 count in realtime right on the front of our -- of
- 12 the landing page at the AMM.org. So the number of
- 13 people that we have ordained is publicly available
- 14 on our website and easily accessible. And I look at
- 15 that number every single day.
- 16 Q Can you explain how AMM obtains the
- 17 information that generates that number?
- 18 A Sure. We do so by -- we have a -- a
- 19 database that is stored in the cloud through our
- 20 cloud service provider.
- 21 And that -- and there's an API that
- 22 interacts with that data and looks at the number of
- 23 people that have been ordained who are kept in that
- 24 database and counts the number and feeds that number
- 25 back onto a display on our website that has the

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- 2 exact same number as the number of people that are
- 3 stored in that database.
- 4 And that number is derived from the number
- 5 of people who have successfully completed an
- 6 application and their data has been moved from our
- 7 website into that cloud database.
- 8 Q You used the term "API" in your answer just
- 9 now.
- 10 Can you explain what API means?
- 11 A It's something A -- I don't know what the A
- 12 stands for, but it stands for something programming
- 13 interface. And it's basically just a line of -- a
- 14 line or couple lines of code that allow data from
- 15 one repository to be served in another capacity on
- 16 another website or through another app.
- 17 And it's pretty straightforward stuff, but
- 18 it can look a lot of different ways.
- 19 MR. MATESKY: Objection. Lack of
- 20 foundation, improper opinion testimony.
- 21 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 22 Q How many ministers did AMM ordain between
- 23 January 1st, 2014, and October 30th, 2019?
- MR. MATESKY: Objection to the extent it
- 25 calls for information outside the witness's personal

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- 2 knowledge.
- THE WITNESS: We ordained about 517,000
- 4 ministers during that time period.
- 5 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 6 Q How do you know that?
- 7 A I know that because I consulted our
- 8 database.
- 9 MR. MATESKY: We object to the extent he's
- 10 testifying based on documents that have not been
- 11 produced.
- MS. MENNEMEIER: And, Counsel, this
- 13 document has been produced in the Western District
- 14 of Washington litigation. You have received a copy
- 15 of this document.
- MR. MATESKY: Well, we object to the extent
- 17 it's not been produced in this litigation and not
- 18 being produced during the discovery period in this
- 19 litigation.
- MS. MENNEMEIER: And I'm not sure what --
- 21 if you can identify for me which of your requests
- 22 this would have been responsive to. My
- 23 understanding is that this document was not
- 24 responsive to any of your requests. We determined
- 25 its relevance after the discovery period had closed.

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- 2 But we would be happy to reproduce it in
- 3 this proceeding, if you would like to make that
- 4 request.
- 5 MR. MATESKY: Yeah, I would like you guys
- 6 to produce that document.
- 7 MS. MENNEMEIER: I will make a point of --
- 8 we will produce that today.
- 9 MR. MATESKY: But I would note that I don't
- 10 think that production cures the prejudice of not
- 11 being able to ask questions in discovery since the
- 12 discovery period has long closed. But go ahead.
- MS. MENNEMEIER: And, again, I would ask
- 14 you to identify which requests you believe this
- 15 would have been responsive to.
- MR. MATESKY: Do you want to do it on the
- 17 record now, or should we do it later?
- 18 MS. MENNEMEIER: I think we can handle this
- 19 later, but...
- MR. MATESKY: Okay.
- 21 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 22 Q How many -- well, how many of the ministers
- 23 who have been ordained through AMM saw or heard AMM
- 24 use the phrase "get ordained"?
- MR. MATESKY: Objection. Calls for

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- 2 information outside the witness's personal
- 3 knowledge.
- 4 THE WITNESS: Almost every single minister
- 5 that got ordained by American Marriage Ministries
- 6 has interacted with the phrase "get ordained" on our
- 7 website or -- sorry.
- 8 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 9 Q Sorry. I did not mean to cut you off.
- 10 A No, that's fine. Let's stop it at
- 11 "website," period, full stop.
- 12 Q How do you know that those people would
- 13 have -- that those people saw the phrase "get
- 14 ordained" on AMM's website?
- 15 A I know this because "get ordained" is
- 16 central to our SEO strategy, it's central to our
- 17 marketing strategy, and it's central to our copy
- 18 strategy on our website itself.
- 19 So that means that if somebody finds -- if
- 20 somebody gets as far as clicking the "get ordained"
- 21 button and then clicking the "ordain me" button,
- 22 they would have found us either through a Google
- 23 search, where they would have probably interacted
- 24 with "get ordained."
- They would have found us through a Google

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- 2 AdWords advertisement, which would probably use the
- 3 phrase "get ordained."
- 4 (Interruption by the reporter.)
- 5 THE WITNESS: Sure. Sorry about that. A
- 6 lot of coffee coursing through my veins right now.
- 7 Or they would have interacted with a Google
- 8 AdWords advertisement that would have used copy
- 9 including "get ordained."
- 10 And then, once they actually land on our
- 11 website, the phrase "get ordained" would have been
- 12 and is prominently displayed in a number of
- 13 locations above the fold in the -- if you are
- 14 looking at our website and you land on our website,
- 15 you see the words "get ordained."
- MR. MATESKY: Object to the response as
- 17 speculation and lack of personal knowledge.
- 18 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 19 Q Given your role as executive director of an
- 20 organization that ordains people online, are you
- 21 familiar with how prospective ministers find your
- 22 organization?
- 23 A Yes.
- Q Given that experience, are you familiar
- 25 with how prospective organizations -- excuse me, how

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- 2 prospective ministers find other organizations that
- 3 offer similar services?
- 4 MR. MATESKY: Objection. Lack of personal
- 5 knowledge, calls for speculation.
- 6 THE WITNESS: Yes, I am.
- 7 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 8 Q How do prospective ministers find
- 9 ordination organizations?
- 10 MR. MATESKY: Same objection. Lack
- 11 personal of knowledge, calls for speculation,
- 12 improper opinion testimony.
- THE WITNESS: Well, one sort of accurate
- 14 way of understanding what people are looking for and
- 15 how they're looking for it when they are searching
- 16 for "ordination" is by using a tool that Google
- 17 provides for free. And it's called Google Trends.
- 18 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 19 Q What is that tool? Rather, what does that
- 20 tool do?
- 21 A Google Trends is a -- is basically -- it's
- 22 an aggregation of all the different Google search
- 23 terms that are run through Google's search engine.
- 24 And then it breaks them down over time by phrases
- 25 used and into different categories that allows you

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- 2 to understand sort of the search velocity for any
- 3 term over a given period of time.
- 4 Q What else, if anything, can Google Trends
- 5 show you?
- 6 A It can show you a lot of stuff. It can
- 7 show you related topics that users are searching
- 8 for. It can do related queries or related phrases
- 9 that will give you a little bit more insight into
- 10 how people are using or are looking for online
- 11 ordination.
- 12 So you can expand from just "get ordained"
- 13 to "get ordained online," "get ordained in
- 14 Minnesota." And it can sort of give you the context
- 15 to understand how people are searching for the
- 16 phrase "get ordained."
- 17 Q And when you say that it can show you
- 18 related searches, does Google Trends show what other
- 19 searches are getting run by people who search for
- 20 one particular phrase?
- 21 A Yes, it does.
- 22 Q What is the value of knowing what else
- 23 people are searching for?
- 24 A Well, the value of knowing what else people
- 25 are searching for and how they're searching for it

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- 2 is central to running any sort of online business or
- 3 online organization, in that the only way that
- 4 people are going to find you is through the
- 5 Internet.
- 6 And so you need to take advantage of the
- 7 sort of information streams that are out there and
- 8 ensure that your website, your intellectual property
- 9 is situated in the center of those streams and is
- 10 able to capture that traffic.
- 11 So you want to use all the tools that
- 12 Google provides for free to ensure that you're
- 13 creating copy, that you're advertising, and that
- 14 you're talking about yourself using the right
- 15 phrases, the right keywords, and the right terms.
- And that's what Google Trends does in a
- 17 very -- in a much more -- you know, in the context
- 18 of time. It graphs it out so you can really
- 19 understand it.
- 20 If you need -- if something is happening
- 21 out there or if -- you know, a particular amount of
- 22 interest is being generated regarding a very
- 23 specific term that's related to the service that
- 24 you're offering, you can make sure that you are
- 25 creating copy and content that is -- how do you

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- 2 say? -- you know, that is aligned with that.
- 3 Q How did you become familiar with Google
- 4 Trends?
- 5 A I've been poking around at Google Trends
- 6 for years in my previous roles working in media and
- 7 communications consulting and as a journalist.
- 8 I was just -- you know, it's -- a similar
- 9 sort of dynamic is at play where you want to
- 10 understand what your readers or what your clients'
- 11 readers are interested in and how they're talking
- 12 about certain subjects.
- 13 Q Did you ever personally run a search of the
- 14 phrase "get ordained" in Google Trends?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q When did you last perform such a search?
- 17 A I performed such a search yesterday.
- 18 Q What did you learn from that search?
- 19 MR. MATESKY: Object to the extent the
- 20 witness is testifying regarding documents that have
- 21 not been produced.
- THE WITNESS: Well, I learned a lot. I
- 23 learned, for one thing, that the big takeaway is
- 24 that there has been a significant amount of
- 25 search-term velocity for the term "get ordained"

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- 2 since 2004.
- I also learned a lot about, you know,
- 4 related search terms and related topics that are
- 5 associated with the phrase "get ordained."
- 6 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 7 Q Did your search of "get ordained" in Google
- 8 Trends inform your understanding of what other
- 9 people are looking for when they search the phrase
- 10 "get ordained"?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 MR. MATESKY: Objection. Calls for
- 13 improper opinion testimony.
- MS. MENNEMEIER: Marla --
- 15 THE WITNESS: Yes, it did.
- 16 MS. MENNEMEIER: -- witness's answer?
- Sorry, Marla, did you get the witness's
- 18 answer?
- 19 THE COURT REPORTER: Yes.
- MS. MENNEMEIER: Okay. Great.
- 21 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 22 Q How did running that search in Google
- 23 Trends inform your understanding of what people are
- 24 looking for when they search for the phrase "get
- 25 ordained"?

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- 2 MR. MATESKY: Object to the extent it calls
- 3 for information outside the witness's personal
- 4 knowledge, speculation, improper opinion testimony,
- 5 and lack of foundation.
- 6 THE WITNESS: Would you mind repeating the
- 7 question?
- 8 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 9 Q Sure. How did that --
- 10 Marla, could you repeat my question?
- 11 (The record was read as follows:
- 12 Q How did running that search in
- Google Trends inform your understanding
- of what people are looking for when they
- search for the phrase "get ordained"?)
- MR. MATESKY: Same objections.
- 17 THE WITNESS: It informed it by serving up
- 18 a list of the top and rising related search terms.
- And it also -- so, for example, it's, you
- 20 know, a big way that -- one of those prominent ways
- 21 that people were searching for "get ordained," it
- 22 said -- or it didn't say -- it showed data that most
- 23 people were searching for "get ordained" in the
- 24 context of "get ordained online" or "get ordained
- 25 in" and then a specific state, like California.

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- 2 MR. MATESKY: Objection. Hearsay.
- 3 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 4 Q Based on what you were seeing, did the data
- 5 tell you anything about whether people who searched
- 6 for "get ordained" are looking for a particular
- 7 brand?
- 8 MR. MATESKY: Same objections as
- 9 previously.
- 10 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 11 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 12 Q What did it tell you?
- MR. MATESKY: Same objections.
- 14 THE WITNESS: It told me that the
- 15 overwhelming majority of people that used the search
- 16 term "get ordained" did not do so looking for a
- 17 brand.
- And the only brand that showed up was quite
- 19 low in the ranking of related search terms, and that
- 20 was Universal Life Church, which, in and of itself,
- 21 is a brand but is not a brand that's associated, in
- 22 my opinion, with -- or, in my experience, with any
- 23 one organization.
- MR. MATESKY: So we object to the response
- 25 on all the previously stated grounds, improper

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- 2 testimony, outside the witness's personal knowledge,
- 3 and hearsay.
- 4 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 5 Q Did the data you saw in Google Trends tell
- 6 you anything about whether people who searched for
- 7 the phrase "get ordained" are looking for a
- 8 particular organization?
- 9 MR. MATESKY: Same objections.
- 10 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 11 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 12 Q What did it tell you?
- MR. MATESKY: Same objections.
- 14 THE WITNESS: It told me that they are not
- 15 looking for a particular organization with the
- 16 exception of the few searchers who were looking for
- 17 the organization of Universal Life Church.
- 18 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 19 Q Why do you say that?
- MR. MATESKY: Same objections.
- 21 THE WITNESS: I think -- I say that because
- 22 Google ranks the velocity of the related search
- 23 terms from zero to a hundred.
- And, for example, "get ordained online" is
- 25 at 100, which means it is the highest velocity.

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- 2 That means the majority of people are searching for
- 3 that search term. "Universal Life Church" is down
- 4 at the bottom with just six.
- 5 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 6 Q Did any other organizations appear in the
- 7 list of related search queries?
- 8 MR. MATESKY: Same objections and vague to
- 9 the extent it refers to other organizations.
- MS. MENNEMEIER: Actually, let me rephrase
- 11 that.
- 12 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 13 Q Did any organizations appear in the list of
- 14 related search queries?
- 15 A Yes.
- MR. MATESKY: Same objection.
- 17 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 18 Q Which organizations?
- 19 A Universal Life Church.
- 20 MR. MATESKY: Objection in use of the term
- 21 "organization" in this context.
- 22 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 24 Church is the same as the applicant in this case,
- 25 ULCMS?

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- 2 MR. MATESKY: Objection. Vague regarding
- 3 use of the terminology.
- 4 THE WITNESS: No.
- 5 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 6 O Is the Universal Life Church the same as
- 7 the applicant in this case, ULCMS?
- 8 MR. MATESKY: Objection. Lack of
- 9 foundation, outside the witness's personal
- 10 knowledge, speculation, and hearsay to the extent
- 11 referring to whatever the witness saw on whatever
- 12 document that hasn't been produced used by third
- 13 parties.
- 14 THE WITNESS: ULCMS is not the same
- 15 organization, as I understand it, as Universal Life
- 16 Church.
- 17 BY MS. MENNEMETER:
- 18 Q Okay. I'd like to introduce a copy of the
- 19 document that's been prelabeled Exhibit 47. And I
- 20 will share my screen with you so that you can see
- 21 this.
- MR. MATESKY: I'm sorry. Did you say 47?
- MS. MENNEMEIER: Yes.
- 24 (Exhibit 47 was marked for
- identification by the reporter.)

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- 2 MR. MATESKY: We object to introduction of
- 3 this document on lack of authentication grounds and
- 4 because it was not previously produced and on
- 5 hearsay grounds to the extent it's used to prove the
- 6 truth of anything stated in the document.
- 7 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 8 Q Do you recognize this document?
- 9 A Yes, I do.
- 10 Q How do you recognize this document?
- 11 A This is a document -- this document is a
- 12 screen capture that I created yesterday.
- 13 Q As a general matter, what does this
- 14 document show?
- MR. MATESKY: I'm also going to object to
- 16 the extent this is outside of the pretrial
- 17 disclosures.
- 18 THE WITNESS: This document shows the
- 19 search velocity or interest over time -- well, it's
- 20 the entire top half of the page that Google Trends
- 21 serves up for the search term "get ordained."
- 22 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 23 Q Let me scroll down so that you can see the
- 24 whole --
- 25 A Sure.

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- 2 O -- the whole exhibit.
- 3 A Right. Okay.
- 4 Q And, based on that, what, just as a general
- 5 matter, does this screenshot show?
- 6 A This is an overview of the information
- 7 associated with the search term "get ordained" that
- 8 Google Trends serves up January 1st, 2004, and
- 9 September 10th --
- 10 (Interruption by the reporter.)
- 11 THE WITNESS: Yeah. Sure.
- 12 This is an overview of the information that
- 13 Google Trends serves up for the search term "get
- 14 ordained" on the time line between January 1st,
- 15 2004, and September 10th, 2020.
- 16 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 17 Q Does this document accurately reflect the
- 18 information that appears in Google Trends -- that
- 19 appeared in Google Trends for a search of the term
- 20 "get ordained" as it appeared to you on
- 21 September 10th, 2020?
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q Is the Web page shown in this document
- 24 publicly available?
- 25 A Yes.

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- 2 Q Did you run the search that's shown in this
- 3 screenshot?
- 4 A Yes, I did.
- 5 Q Do you know where the information in this
- 6 Web page comes from?
- 7 MR. MATESKY: Objection. Lack of
- 8 foundation.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Yes, I do.
- 10 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 11 Q Where does the information shown in this
- 12 Web page come from?
- 13 MR. MATESKY: Objection. Lack of
- 14 foundation.
- 15 THE WITNESS: This is information that
- 16 Google collects based on all of the searches that
- 17 are run using its Google.com search engine.
- 18 MR. MATESKY: Objection to the response
- 19 based on lack of personal knowledge.
- 20 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 21 Q How do you know that?
- 22 A Because this is how Google Trends describes
- 23 the service that it provides.
- MR. MATESKY: Same objection and hearsay.
- 25 ///

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- 2 BY MS. MENNEMETER:
- 3 Q Do you see the line graph in what right --
- 4 what currently appears, like, sort of the middle of
- 5 the page?
- 6 A Yes, I do.
- 7 Q Do you know what that line graph shows?
- 8 A Yes, I do.
- 9 Q What does that line graph show?
- 10 A It shows the interest over time in the
- 11 search term "get ordained," starting in January 1st,
- 12 2004, and running through September 10th, 2020.
- 13 Q How do you know that that's what this line
- 14 graph shows?
- 15 A Because if you look immediately above the
- 16 line graph, you can see "2004 through present." And
- 17 I know that I ran the search term yesterday and
- 18 created this document yesterday; therefore, those
- 19 are the dates that it represents.
- 20 MR. MATESKY: Same objection regarding
- 21 hearsay.
- 22 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 23 Q I'm going to scroll down a little bit.
- Do you see the map on this document?
- 25 A Yes, I do.

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- 2 Q Do you know what the map shows?
- 3 A Yes, I do.
- 4 MR. MATESKY: Objection. Lack of
- 5 foundation, lack of personal knowledge.
- 6 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 7 Q What does this map show?
- 8 A This map --
- 9 MR. MATESKY: Same objection.
- 10 Sorry.
- 11 Same objections.
- 12 THE WITNESS: This map shows interest in
- 13 the search term "get ordained" by state.
- 14 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 15 Q How do you know that?
- 16 A Well, I know that based on the information
- 17 that's served immediately to the right of the state
- 18 map of the United States where it's got search terms
- 19 broken down by interest and the name of the state,
- 20 starting with Kentucky and running down through
- 21 No. 5, which is Washington.
- MR. MATESKY: Objection. Hearsay, lack of
- 23 personal knowledge.
- 24 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- Q What do the blue states versus the gray

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- 2 states on that map -- what do the colors represent?
- 3 MR. MATESKY: Objection. Lack of
- 4 foundation.
- 5 THE WITNESS: Well, the colors -- the
- 6 darker the shade of blue, the more the interest by
- 7 state. So Kentucky is the darkest shade of blue
- 8 because it has its state interest registered at 100.
- 9 Whereas if you look at a state like
- 10 Montana, which is the big state to the right of
- 11 Washington State there nestled up there against the
- 12 Canadian border, interest is significantly lower.
- So it tells us that users of Google search
- 14 engine in the state of Montana are less interested
- 15 in the search term "get ordained" than their
- 16 counterparts a few miles west in Washington State.
- 17 MR. MATESKY: Objection. Hearsay and lack
- 18 of personal knowledge.
- 19 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 20 Q Make sure I'm understanding correctly.
- Does that mean that people in, say,
- 22 Washington State are more frequently searching for
- 23 the phrase "get ordained" than people in Montana?
- MR. MATESKY: Objection. Lacks foundation,
- 25 lack of personal knowledge.

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- THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 3 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 4 Q Regarding the chart on the bottom left
- 5 that's titled "Related Topics"?
- 6 A Mm-hmm.
- 7 Q Do you know what that chart shows?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q What does that chart show?
- 10 A This shows the related topics that people
- 11 who searched for the search term "get ordained" are
- 12 searching for.
- In other words, it shows the other topics
- 14 that they have expressed interest in during their
- 15 searches using Google's search engine.
- 16 MR. MATESKY: Objection. Lack of
- 17 foundation, lack of personal knowledge.
- 18 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 19 Q How do you know that?
- 20 A I know that because Google breaks down
- 21 search terms into topics and it uses that for its
- 22 own personal sort of classification of search terms.
- 23 And it also uses it to serve -- to interact with its
- 24 Google AdWords platform and serve more targeted
- 25 marketing.

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- 2 And so it knows -- it's got a separate
- 3 topic for ordination. It's got a topic for
- 4 marriage.
- 5 And it uses those topics to figure out the
- 6 topics that any individual searcher is interested in
- 7 and then to classify them as such.
- 8 MR. MATESKY: Objection. Lack of
- 9 foundation, lack of personal knowledge, and hearsay.
- 10 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 11 Q Does the information shown in this
- 12 particular chart come from Google?
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 Q Okay. And looking at the chart on the
- 15 bottom right that's titled "Related Queries," do you
- 16 know what this chart shows?
- 17 A Yeah. This is a little bit more granular
- 18 than the chart on the left in that this actually
- 19 breaks it down to the queries that -- that the
- 20 searchers were querying in conjunction with "get
- 21 ordained."
- MR. MATESKY: Objection. Lack of personal
- 23 knowledge, lack of foundation, hearsay.
- 24 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 25 Q And when you say "queries," do you mean

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- 2 searches, Google searches?
- 3 A Yeah. The phraseology of that Google
- 4 search. Is "phraseology" a word?
- 5 O I believe so.
- 6 A Okay.
- 7 Q Maybe not. Maybe it's just from "The Music
- 8 Man."
- 9 Let's see. How do you know that this chart
- 10 is showing related queries run by people who
- 11 searched for "get ordained"?
- 12 A Because that is how Google Trends describes
- 13 this chart that we're looking at right here. It's
- 14 got information -- it basically breaks down what
- 15 you're looking at, at what and what it means.
- And I've read closely all the different
- 17 descriptions of the different -- of all the
- 18 different descriptions of the information that it
- 19 serves up here on this website.
- 20 MR. MATESKY: Objection. Hearsay. Lack of
- 21 personal knowledge.
- 22 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 23 Q Looking at the first row of this "Related
- 24 Queries" chart, I see a number of symbols in this
- 25 row. And I'd like to walk through them with you.

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- 2 First, do you know what the question mark
- 3 next to the words "Related Queries" shows?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q And what is that question mark?
- 6 A Yeah. So that's what I was referencing in
- 7 response to your previous question, but I'll get a
- 8 little bit more detailed.
- 9 That's where you can click -- you can hover
- 10 over that and click on it, and it expands and gives
- 11 you more information about the information that
- 12 you're looking at.
- 13 Q Okay. Then looking over to the right
- 14 further, the word "top" appears.
- What does that word mean in this context?
- 16 A So this is the top related queries over the
- 17 time period that's laid out in the graph above.
- 18 It's a toggle that you can toggle between that lets
- 19 you go between "top" and "rising." So it's
- 20 basically a way that you can look at this same data
- 21 from different angles.
- 22 Q And what does "rising" mean in this
- 23 context?
- 24 A "Rising" is used to represent a significant
- 25 increase in search velocity over the time period

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- 2 represented in the graph above.
- 3 Q So, with respect to this chart, does
- 4 "rising" represent related searches that have
- 5 recently become more popular in combination with the
- 6 search "get ordained"?
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 Q And looking back at that top -- or at this
- 9 row -- the top row of this chart, next to the word
- 10 "top," there's a downward-pointing arrow.
- 11 A Mm-hmm.
- 12 Q What does that arrow do?
- 13 A It just moves -- it's a way to toggle
- 14 between how the data is represented here, I believe.
- 15 So if you click on that little arrow, it'll move the
- 16 queries around, I think from lowest to highest and
- 17 highest to lowest again.
- It's just if you want to see what people
- 19 don't care about, what people care about, and see
- 20 the sort of the extremes of the search.
- 21 Q Okay. So looking at the downward-pointing
- 22 arrow next to that that's on top of a line, do you
- 23 know what that symbol reflects?
- 24 A Yes, I do.
- MR. MATESKY: I'm sorry, Counsel, which are

- 1 LEWIS KING SEPTEMBER 11, 2020
- 2 you referring to now?
- 3 MS. MENNEMEIER: The downward-pointing
- 4 arrow that's on top of a line.
- 5 MR. MATESKY: Thank you.
- 6 THE WITNESS: And yes, I do.
- 7 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 8 Q What does that symbol reflect?
- 9 A That's an icon that you can click on that
- 10 will download the information presented in that
- 11 visual right there.
- 12 Q Okay. I want to come back to that in a
- 13 moment.
- But moving on to the left- and right-facing
- 15 arrows, what do those do?
- 16 A You can expand that to get the code for an
- 17 API.
- 18 Q Okay. And then moving over to what looks
- 19 sort of like a less-than symbol, but there are dots
- 20 in all of the ends of the lines, can you explain
- 21 what that symbol does?
- 22 A Yeah. That allows you to share this
- 23 information on social media.
- Q Okay. So with respect to the downward
- 25 pointing arrow over the line, you said that you

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- 2 could click on that to download information.
- 3 Have you clicked on that arrow to download
- 4 information from Google Trends?
- 5 A Yes, I have.
- 6 Q Okay. I'd like to direct your attention
- 7 now to what's been previously marked as Exhibit 48.
- 8 (Exhibit 48 was marked for
- 9 identification by the reporter.)
- 10 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 11 Q And I will share my screen of that.
- Okay. Can you see this document?
- 13 A Yes, I can.
- 14 Q Do you recognize this document?
- 15 A Yes, I do.
- 16 Q How do you recognize this document?
- 17 A This is the document that's created from
- 18 data that I downloaded yesterday.
- 19 Q Where did you obtain the data in this
- 20 document from?
- 21 A I obtained the data in this document from
- 22 Google Trends.
- MR. MATESKY: So we object to introduction
- 24 of this document on the grounds it has not been
- 25 previously produced and has been withheld for

- 1 LEWIS KING SEPTEMBER 11, 2020
- 2 surprise at trial.
- 3 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 4 Q Is this data publicly available?
- 5 A Yes, it is. Anybody can go to Google
- 6 Trends and type in the search term "get ordained"
- 7 and download this exact data. Takes about
- 8 30 seconds.
- 9 Q Prior to your preparation for testimony --
- 10 for your testimony today, had you ever downloaded
- 11 the data shown in Google Trends for a search of the
- 12 phrase "get ordained"?
- MR. MATESKY: Objection. Vaque. Kelly, I
- 14 wasn't sure of the first few words in that question.
- MS. MENNEMEIER: Marla, did you catch my
- 16 full question?
- 17 (The record was read as follows:
- 18 Q Prior to your preparation for
- 19 testimony -- for your testimony today,
- 20 had you ever downloaded the data shown
- in Google Trends for a search of the
- phrase "get ordained"?)
- 23 THE WITNESS: I think I have downloaded
- 24 this data a couple of days ago, but I don't recall
- 25 exactly when. Very recently when I was playing

- 1 LEWIS KING SEPTEMBER 11, 2020
- 2 around with it.
- 3 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 4 Q Do you know what the data in this document
- 5 shows?
- 6 A Yes, I do. It's a more detailed
- 7 representation of the data that we were just looking
- 8 at in the last presentation, exhibit.
- 9 MR. MATESKY: Objection. Lack of
- 10 foundation, lack of personal knowledge, hearsay.
- 11 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 12 Q A more detailed representation of the
- 13 "Related Queries" chart specifically or of another
- 14 chart?
- MR. MATESKY: Objection. Leading.
- 16 THE WITNESS: This is related queries.
- 17 BY MS. MENNEMETER:
- 18 Q Okay. What time frame is shown in this
- 19 document?
- 20 A This is through one -- through the
- 21 beginning of 2004 up until today.
- Q Okay. Now, looking first at column A,
- 23 rows 5 through 29, what is shown in those rows in
- 24 that column?
- 25 A Can I just back up the last question before

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- 2 I do that and just say I think it's through
- 3 yesterday? I said today, but I believe the data
- 4 that I created was created yesterday.
- 5 Q Okay. Thank you for that clarification.
- 6 With respect to column A, rows 4 through
- 7 29, what does the information in these rows show us?
- 8 A This is a numerical representation of the
- 9 search velocity for the time period between -- for
- 10 the search term "get ordained" for the time period
- 11 between January 1st, 2004, and September 10th, 2020.
- 12 Q And what information in this spreadsheet
- 13 shows us the search velocity?
- 14 A That's going to be that number in column B
- 15 there, between B5 and B29.
- 16 Q When you say "search velocity," what do you
- 17 mean by "velocity"?
- 18 MR. MATESKY: Objection. Compound.
- 19 THE WITNESS: By "velocity" I just mean the
- 20 interested number of people using the search term at
- 21 any given time.
- 22 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- Q With respect to these numbers, what does
- 24 100 mean in terms of search velocity?
- 25 A A hundred means that that is the maximum

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- 2 interest -- that that is the maximum amount of
- 3 interest that is being expressed in or being
- 4 registered in Google's search engine.
- 5 MR. MATESKY: Objection. Lack of personal
- 6 knowledge, hearsay, lack of foundation.
- 7 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 8 O And what is the lowest number that's
- 9 possible to appear?
- 10 A Zero.
- 11 Q Okay. And how do you know that that's what
- 12 the highest and -- well, how do you know that that's
- 13 what these numbers mean?
- 14 A Because I've used Google search term and --
- 15 sorry. Wow. I've used Google Trends, and Google
- 16 Trends explains in detail what all the data means
- 17 and that this is how they describe these numbers
- 18 that we're looking at.
- MR. MATESKY: Objection. Hearsay.
- 20 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 21 Q Okay. And looking specifically at this
- 22 spreadsheet -- I want to make sure that I understand
- 23 what it's showing.
- Looking at row 5 specifically, can you
- 25 explain what that row tells -- what that row

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- 2 indicates?
- 3 A Sure. So what this row indicates is that
- 4 the top related search query to "get ordained" is
- 5 "how to get ordained." When people are searching
- 6 for "get ordained" and they use that phrase in
- 7 Google's search engine, they're doing it in the
- 8 context of how to get ordained.
- 9 MR. MATESKY: Objection. Lack of personal
- 10 knowledge, hearsay, lack of foundation.
- 11 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 12 Q Does this row mean that people who search
- 13 for the phrase "get ordained," that many of them are
- 14 also searching for the phrase "how to get ordained"?
- MR. MATESKY: Same objections.
- 16 THE WITNESS: That is exactly what it
- 17 means, yes.
- 18 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 19 Q Does the information in this spreadsheet
- 20 inform your understanding of what people are looking
- 21 for when they search for the term "get ordained"?
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q Can you explain how the information in this
- 24 spreadsheet specifically informs your understanding?
- 25 A Yes. So we know -- because we typed in

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- 2 "get ordained," we know that "get ordained" is a
- 3 relevant search term. And we know that because "get
- 4 ordained" is going to show up in our Google Search
- 5 console as something that people are punching into
- 6 Google's search engine that's taking them to our
- 7 website. So we know that the search term "get
- 8 ordained" is driving traffic.
- 9 Now, when we come over here to Google
- 10 Trends, we can look at -- we can break that out into
- 11 search terms, to top related search terms to find
- 12 out more details on how people who are finding our
- 13 website or how people are using just as general.
- Now this is beyond our website. This is
- 15 just, in general, how people who use Google's search
- 16 engine use the term "get ordained" and how they
- 17 search for -- or how they use "get ordained" when
- 18 they are running searches on Google's search engine.
- MR. MATESKY: So I'm going to --
- 20 THE WITNESS: And --
- 21 MR. MATESKY: Oh, sorry. I thought you
- 22 were done. Keep going.
- 23 THE WITNESS: And so I guess in the context
- 24 of -- and the value of this information to us at AMM
- 25 is that we can structure our metadata, our copy, and

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- 2 our advertising to reflect the searches and the way
- 3 that people are searching.
- 4 MR. MATESKY: So I'm going to object to the
- 5 extent much of the answer was nonresponsive to the
- 6 question as well as on the grounds of hearsay and
- 7 lack of personal knowledge and improper opinion
- 8 testimony.
- 9 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 10 Q Can you give me an example of the insight
- 11 that you've obtained from looking at the search --
- 12 looking at the information shown in this
- 13 spreadsheet?
- 14 A Yeah. Absolutely. I mean, the example,
- 15 and you can go to the AMM.org and verify this -- is
- 16 we know from looking at this information that "how
- 17 to get ordained" is the top related search term.
- And so we're going to take that
- 19 information, and we are going to put that -- we're
- 20 going to integrate that into copy that we may have
- 21 because we're already essentially talking about all
- 22 the same things on our website.
- But what we want to do is use this
- 24 information to ensure that there's a direct
- 25 correlation between the phrase used here and the

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- 2 phrases that we're using on our website.
- 3 Because that's going to show up in Google,
- 4 and that's going to make us more relevant to the --
- 5 you know, the people that are looking for services
- 6 that we provide.
- 7 It helps us communicate with them and let
- 8 them know that, you know, we've got what they're
- 9 looking for.
- 10 MR. MATESKY: Object on lack of personal
- 11 knowledge, hearsay, improper opinion testimony.
- 12 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 13 Q On this list of top related queries,
- 14 looking specifically at row 23, I know you'd
- 15 mentioned earlier that Universal Life Church -- that
- 16 you've seen that in Google Trends.
- 17 Is this -- does this row reflect what you
- 18 were talking about earlier?
- 19 A Yes, it does.
- 20 Q Can you explain what, if anything, you make
- 21 of the fact that the Universal Life Church is
- 22 somewhat commonly searched for by people who are
- 23 also searching for "get ordained" -- for the phrase
- 24 "get ordained"?
- MR. MATESKY: Objection to the extent it

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- 2 assumes facts not in evidence and mischaracterizes
- 3 prior testimony.
- 4 THE WITNESS: Sure. Well, the original
- 5 Universal Life Church founded by Kirby Hensley in
- 6 the late '50s, early '60s -- I don't know the exact
- 7 date -- was a real force in promoting and raising
- 8 public awareness about nontraditional ordination
- 9 venue -- avenues for people who didn't want to get
- 10 ordained through traditional churches.
- 11 So they were and remain a pretty active
- 12 player in the space, and there have been a lot of
- 13 Universal Life Church offshoots in the subsequent
- 14 decades.
- So it's just -- it's sort of a fact of the
- 16 ecosystem that this has been -- you know,
- 17 Kirby Hensley definitely started it all, and, as
- 18 such, it's one of those things where you've got --
- 19 the original brand retains some association with the
- 20 service that's provided despite the fact that there
- 21 are other -- a lot more players in the market now
- 22 than there were -- what is this? -- like, 50, 60
- 23 years ago.
- Yeah. I think that pretty much explains
- 25 it.

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- 2 MR. MATESKY: Object to the extent most of
- 3 the answer is nonresponsive to the question, and
- 4 hearsay, lack of personal knowledge, lack of
- 5 foundation.
- 6 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 8 brand?
- 9 MR. MATESKY: Objection. Relevance.
- 10 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 11 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 12 Q Have you ever seen ULCMS draw upon the
- 13 Universal Life Church brand?
- 14 MR. MATESKY: Objection. Assumes facts not
- 15 in evidence.
- 16 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 17 BY MS. MENNEMETER:
- 18 Q In what ways have you seen ULCMS invoke the
- 19 Universal Life Church brand?
- MR. MATESKY: Same objection.
- THE WITNESS: Well, one example that
- 22 springs to mind is the way that ULCMS represents
- 23 itself on its ULC.org website, and ULC.org standing
- 24 for Universal Life Church.
- 25 If you go to that website, the Universal

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- 2 Life Church brand is predominantly displayed, and
- 3 you have to actually, like, get into the weeds and
- 4 dig into the copy on the website before you might
- 5 realize that it is not the original Universal Life
- 6 Church and it's -- the website is not actually run
- 7 by or representing the Universal Life Church. It's
- 8 representing ULCMS.
- 9 So in that sense, the Universal Life
- 10 Church, the original one, the Kirby Hensley brand is
- 11 prominently represented on that site. And I would
- 12 say that there are a couple of other sites that the
- 13 ULCMS runs that use a similar tactic of representing
- 14 themselves to be Universal Life Church as opposed to
- 15 the ULCMS.
- MR. MATESKY: Objection. Assumes facts not
- 17 in evidence. Objection. Refers to documentation
- 18 that's not been produced outside of evidence and
- 19 irrelevant.
- 20 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 21 Q Do you know whether organizations besides
- 22 ULCMS use the Universal Life Church brand?
- 23 MR. MATESKY: Objection. Assumes facts not
- 24 in evidence, mischaracterizes the words "Universal
- 25 Life Church."

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- THE WITNESS: Would you mind repeating the
- 3 question?
- 4 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 5 Q Sure. Do you know whether organizations
- 6 besides ULCMS use the Universal Life Church brand?
- 7 MR. MATESKY: Same objections.
- 8 THE WITNESS: Yes, I do.
- 9 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 11 Life Church brand?
- 12 A Yes. There are a number of other
- 13 organizations that use the Universal Life Church
- 14 brand beyond -- or other than ULCMS.
- MR. MATESKY: Objection. Lack of
- 16 foundation.
- 17 BY MS. MENNEMETER:
- 18 Q What do you make of the location of
- 19 Universal Life Church on this list of top related
- 20 queries to get ordained?
- 21 A Well --
- MR. MATESKY: Objection. Vague.
- 23 THE WITNESS: It indicates a number of
- 24 things. The first thing it indicates to me is that,
- 25 since it's down there on row 23 and its search

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- 2 velocity is 7 versus 100, generally speaking, even a
- 3 strong brand like Universal Life Church, which is
- 4 arguably the strongest brand in the ordination
- 5 space -- in the online-ordination space, I should
- 6 say, even a strong brand like Universal Life Church
- 7 doesn't register nearly as high as most other common
- 8 search terms. And it's, you know, 7 versus 100.
- 9 What it also says and indicates is that,
- 10 because it's the only brand that we're seeing in the
- 11 top 25 slots, the search term "get ordained" is
- 12 just -- it's just not generally associated with any
- 13 brand at all.
- 14 And it's really sort of a brand-free
- 15 association. It's more of a verbal phrase that's
- 16 descriptive of something that people are looking to
- 17 undergo or undertake or engage in.
- 18 MR. MATESKY: Objection. Lack of
- 19 foundation, improper opinion testimony, lack of
- 20 personal knowledge, hearsay, speculation.
- 21 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 22 Q Okay. And then looking at this again --
- 23 or, excuse me, this document again, taking a look at
- 24 rows 31 through 56, can you tell me what those rows
- 25 show?

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- 2 A Yeah. These are rising, which means that
- 3 they are -- they demonstrated an upward movement in
- 4 search velocity over the time period represented by
- 5 this data.
- 6 Q Okay. And in column B where it says
- 7 "breakout" --
- 8 A Mm-hmm.
- 9 do you have an understanding of what
- 10 "breakout" means?
- 11 MR. MATESKY: I'm sorry. Kelly, you went
- 12 right into that question before I could get an
- 13 objection out. But objection based on improper
- 14 opinion testimony, lack of foundation and hearsay,
- 15 lack of personal knowledge.
- 16 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 17 Q Let me back up.
- 18 How do you know that that's what these rows
- 19 show?
- 20 A Because that's how Google Trends describes
- 21 the data that's being presented here.
- MR. MATESKY: Objection. Hearsay.
- 23 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- Q Okay. And then looking at column B where
- 25 it says "breakout" next to those rows, what does

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- 2 "breakout" mean in this context?
- 3 A "Breakout" is actually kind of similar to
- 4 "rising," but it just represents a more substantial
- 5 and notable sudden movement in search velocity.
- 6 That means that during the time period
- 7 represented here at some point or another, the
- 8 search terms in row 32 down to -- I don't know --
- 9 that there is some breakout moments here.
- 10 So you could actually click on "breakout"
- 11 if we were looking at this on Google Trends, and it
- 12 would show graphically a breakout period of time
- 13 during which there was a significant sort of
- 14 breakout or dramatic increase in search velocity or
- 15 interest in that related term.
- 16 MR. MATESKY: Same objections. Lack of
- 17 personal knowledge, hearsay, lack of foundation,
- 18 improper opinion testimony.
- 19 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 20 Q And how do you know that?
- 21 A I know that because I checked with Google
- 22 Trends and read how they describe that data and what
- 23 it means.
- MR. MATESKY: Objection. Hearsay.
- 25 ///

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- 2 BY MS. MENNEMETER:
- 3 Q Okay. I'm going to direct your attention
- 4 to the exhibit that's been prelabeled Exhibit 49.
- 5 (Exhibit 49 was marked for
- identification by the reporter.)
- 7 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 8 Q Can you see that exhibit?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q Do you recognize this document?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q How do you recognize this document?
- 13 A I recognize this document because this
- 14 represents data that I downloaded yesterday over
- 15 the -- then and sent -- yeah, I downloaded this data
- 16 and sent it to you yesterday.
- 17 Q Where did you obtain the data that's shown
- 18 in this document?
- 19 A This data is downloaded from Google Trends.
- 20 Q How did you obtain this data from Google
- 21 Trends?
- 22 A I typed in the search term "get ordained."
- 23 And I clicked -- and I set the parameters for the
- 24 dates that we see there. And I hit the "download"
- 25 button, and it downloaded a document that contains

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- 2 this data, more or less as it's represented here in
- 3 this exhibit.
- 4 Q Is the data in this document publicly
- 5 available?
- 6 A Yes, it is.
- 7 Q And what time frame is reflected in this
- 8 data?
- 9 A This is the last year.
- 10 Q Okay.
- MR. MATESKY: I just want to note that we
- 12 object to introduction of this document because it
- 13 was not previously produced and it has been withheld
- 14 for trial.
- 15 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 16 Q Can you explain what "top queries" in this
- 17 document reflects?
- 18 A Yeah, I can. I was going to ask for a
- 19 short break and then --
- MS. MENNEMEIER: Absolutely.
- MR. MATESKY: Just to be clear, I quess you
- 22 asked a question and he answered it because it was
- 23 yes or no. He answered yes. So I guess that's not
- 24 a pending question. Okay. Yeah, I'm fine with a
- 25 break.

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- THE WITNESS: Okay. Literally two minutes.
- 3 I'll be right back.
- 4 MS. MENNEMEIER: Two minutes? Perfect.
- 5 Okay.
- 6 (Recess taken from 2:02 p.m.
- 7 to 2:05 p.m.)
- 8 MS. MENNEMEIER: We can go on the record.
- 9 And I will share my screen of Exhibit 49
- 10 again.
- 11 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 12 Q Can you see that?
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 Q Can you explain what the top queries in
- 15 this document show?
- 16 A Yeah. So this is the top related queries
- 17 just over the last year.
- 18 Q And the top related queries to what
- 19 specifically?
- 20 A To the search term "get ordained."
- MR. MATESKY: We would just object, again,
- 22 to the extent this is lack of personal knowledge,
- 23 lack of foundation, hearsay, speculation, and
- 24 outside the witness's personal knowledge.
- 25 ///

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- 2 BY MS. MENNEMETER:
- 3 Q How do you know that this document shows
- 4 the top related queries to the search "get ordained"
- 5 over the past year?
- 6 A I know this because I downloaded this data
- 7 and sent it over to you yesterday evening.
- 8 O Is the data reflected in this document
- 9 Google data?
- 10 MR. MATESKY: Objection. Lack of personal
- 11 knowledge -- objection. Vague. And objection.
- 12 Lack of personal knowledge, hearsay, lack of
- 13 foundation. I think that's it.
- 14 THE WITNESS: Yes, this is data that's
- 15 sourced directly from Google.
- I described earlier, the way that Google
- 17 comes up with this data is that they -- this is a
- 18 representation of all the different searches that
- 19 have been run on their search engine. And they
- 20 compile this data and represent it using the data
- 21 that we're looking at right now.
- MR. MATESKY: So I'm going to object to
- 23 much of that response as nonresponsive to the
- 24 question, also outside the witness's personal
- 25 knowledge, and hearsay.

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- 2 BY MS. MENNEMETER:
- 3 Q When the phrase "get ordained" appears in
- 4 this list of top related queries, how is the phrase
- 5 "get ordained" being used?
- 6 A Well, it's being used in the way that we
- 7 see represented here in rows 5 through 21 in that
- 8 probably is that when people were using the search
- 9 term "get ordained," a majority of them -- or not a
- 10 majority, but the largest percentage of people using
- 11 that search term were using it in the context of how
- 12 to get ordained.
- MR. MATESKY: I'm sorry. I'm sorry -- I'm
- 14 sorry. Can you guys hear me?
- MS. MENNEMEIER: Yes.
- MR. MATESKY: I've got a problem. Hold on.
- MS. MENNEMEIER: I think we can go off the
- 18 record.
- 19 (Discussion held off the record.)
- 20 (The record was read as follows:
- Q When the phrase "get ordained"
- 22 appears in this list of top related
- 23 queries, how is the phrase "get
- 24 ordained" being used?
- 25 A Well, it's being used in the way

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- 2 that we see represented here in rows 5
- 3 through 21 in that probably is that when
- 4 people were using the search term "get
- 5 ordained, " a majority of them -- or not
- 6 a majority, but the largest percentage
- 7 of people using that search term were
- 8 using it in the context of how to get
- 9 ordained.)
- 10 MR. MATESKY: Okay. I'd just like to state
- 11 an objection that it calls for information outside
- 12 the witness's personal knowledge, lack of
- 13 foundation, hearsay, improper opinion testimony, and
- 14 speculation.
- But I can hear you guys now.
- 16 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 17 Q When the phrase gets --
- 18 Sorry, Mike, I'm now getting an echo.
- MR. MATESKY: Oh, okay. Let's see what I
- 20 can do about that.
- Is this any better? Could you speak?
- MS. MENNEMEIER: Sure. Can -- it sounds
- 23 like it's better.
- MR. MATESKY: Okay.
- THE WITNESS: Sounds great to me.

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- 2 MR. MATESKY: Okay. Good.
- 3 MS. MENNEMEIER: I'm not hearing myself
- 4 anymore.
- 5 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 6 Q Okay. When the phrase "get ordained"
- 7 appears in these top related queries, what part of
- 8 speech is the phrase "get ordained" being used as?
- 9 MR. MATESKY: Same objections as before.
- 10 THE WITNESS: "Get ordained" is being used
- 11 as a verbal phrase in conjunction with information
- 12 on either end of that verbal phrase to further
- 13 clarify the context of that verbal phrase, such as
- 14 how to get ordained or where would you want to get
- 15 ordained? You get ordained online.
- 16 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 17 Q Is there anything in this list of top
- 18 related queries that indicates that people who have
- 19 searched for the phrase "get ordained" in the past
- 20 year regard get -- regard the phrase "get ordained"
- 21 or regard the words "get ordained" as a brand?
- MR. MATESKY: Same objections as before.
- THE WITNESS: There are no indications in
- 24 the top related search terms that any of the people
- 25 reflected here are searching for "get ordained" as a

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- 2 brand.
- 3 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 4 Q Is there any indication in the list of
- 5 rising queries on this page that indicates that
- 6 people searching the phrase "get ordained" regard it
- 7 as a brand?
- 8 MR. MATESKY: Same objections.
- 9 THE WITNESS: No, there's no indication of
- 10 that being the case.
- 11 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 12 Q Is there anything in the information on
- 13 this page that indicates that people searching the
- 14 phrase "get ordained" are trying to locate a
- 15 specific organization?
- MR. MATESKY: Same objections.
- 17 THE WITNESS: No, there is -- all evidence
- 18 points to the fact that they are not looking for any
- 19 particular organization, but that they are, in fact,
- 20 searching for the verbal phrase in conjunction with
- 21 whatever words are associated with it in the
- 22 respective searches.
- 23 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- Q When did AMM start using the phrase "get
- 25 ordained"?

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- 2 MR. MATESKY: Objection. Outside the
- 3 witness's personal knowledge.
- 4 THE WITNESS: AMM started using the phrase
- 5 "get ordained," basically, from day one back in 2009
- 6 when we kind of first started ordaining people
- 7 online.
- 8 MR. MATESKY: Also object as to lack of
- 9 foundation.
- 10 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 11 Q How do you know that?
- 12 A Well, I know that for a couple of reasons.
- I know that because of discussions that
- 14 I've had with people who were part of the foundation
- 15 of the organization, but I also know that because
- 16 that is, and has remained and always seems -- will
- 17 be the most apt and direct way to describe the
- 18 service that we provide and that -- it's really
- 19 central to what we do.
- MR. MATESKY: Object as hearsay.
- 21 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 22 Q If AMM was required to stop using the
- 23 phrase "get ordained" in conjunction with its
- 24 services, how would that affect AMM?
- MR. MATESKY: Objection. Speculation, and,

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- 2 I think, asked and answered. Wasn't this already
- 3 covered today?
- 4 MS. MENNEMEIER: No. We spoke specifically
- 5 about the word "ordained." Now I'm asking about the
- 6 phrase "get ordained."
- 7 THE WITNESS: If we were forced to stop
- 8 using the phrase "get ordained," it would present
- 9 some very serious challenges and put a lot of --
- 10 make it very challenging for us to talk about
- 11 services that we provide and to accurately represent
- 12 the service that we provide to the individuals that
- 13 take advantage of that service.
- And I guess I'll add to that that it would
- 15 be a lot of work. It would be a lot of rewriting, a
- 16 lot of just sort of reconstructing all the different
- 17 processes and communication pathways that we have in
- 18 place right now.
- 19 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 20 Q If AMM was required to stop using the
- 21 phrase "get ordained" in conjunction with its
- 22 services, would that affect the way that AMM
- 23 provides information to prospective clients about
- 24 its services?
- 25 A Yes, it would. We would be forced to

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- 2 substitute the phrase "get ordained" for more
- 3 abstract, more complicated, less direct ways of
- 4 referencing the same act of ordination and the
- 5 imperative to engage in ordination that we put out
- 6 there.
- 7 Q If AMM was required to stop using the
- 8 phrase "get ordained" in conjunction with its
- 9 services, would AMM have to change the way that it
- 10 invited prospective ministers to obtain AMM's
- 11 services?
- MR. MATESKY: Object to the line of
- 13 questioning as speculation and hypotheticals. But
- 14 go on.
- 15 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 16 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 17 O How so?
- 18 A The way that we -- well, we'd basically be
- 19 forced to do a couple of things. We'd be forced to
- 20 rework our CTAs, or our calls to action, that we use
- 21 all over the website, and that's one way.
- The point of a CTA is that it's very
- 23 direct, very understandable, and very relatable.
- 24 And "get ordained" is -- you know, really meets that
- 25 definition in a way that I can't imagine any other

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- 2 words doing.
- 3 So whatever CTAs we would replace "get
- 4 ordained" with would oftentimes not be as effective.
- 5 And so we wouldn't see the same sort of results as
- 6 we currently see using "get ordained."
- 7 And then, more broadly, I think, you know,
- 8 we sort of create this experience for people, this
- 9 sort of, like, user experience where we talk about
- 10 the same process in multiple ways.
- And that's really important because, when
- 12 you're selling something, you don't just say,
- 13 "Here's an apple." You talk about the apple in a
- 14 couple of different ways and in a way that the --
- 15 you know, something resonates with the potential
- 16 customer and that they respond to.
- So if you just say "become ordained" and
- 18 leave it at that, it's probably not going to go
- 19 anywhere.
- But if you say, "Hey, why don't you get
- 21 ordained. Here's why ordination's awesome," and
- 22 then you follow that up with "All right. You ready?
- 23 Get ordained," it creates, like, a psychological
- 24 funnel that people go through that is, you know --
- 25 ensures a higher percentage of conversions than

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- 2 you'd otherwise get if you just let led with one or
- 3 two of the different phrases in the absence of the
- 4 others.
- 5 Q When you used the term "CTA" in your
- 6 answer, what did you mean by that?
- 7 A I meant a call to action, which is a --
- 8 which urges a potential minister, in our case, to
- 9 click a button, to file -- you know, to apply for
- 10 ordination, to do something.
- 11 Q Okay. Would AMM lose Web traffic if it
- 12 couldn't use the term "get ordained"?
- 13 MR. MATESKY: Objection. Calls for
- 14 speculation, lack of foundation, hypothetical.
- 15 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 16 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 17 Q Why do you think that?
- 18 A Well, I think that -- and I -- well, I
- 19 don't -- I know that because I have looked at our
- 20 different analytics tools that we have at our
- 21 disposal. I've looked at Google Analytics. I've
- 22 looked at the Google Search console, and, as I've
- 23 just discussed, Google Trends.
- And we can see very clearly that the verbal
- 25 phrase "get ordained" is how people external to our

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- 2 organization are already talking about and
- 3 referencing the service that we and other
- 4 organizations in our space provide.
- 5 So you take that out of the equation, and
- 6 now all the other organizations are still using
- 7 that; we're not. And so, all of a sudden, we're not
- 8 a part of that conversation. We're not showing up
- 9 in Web traffic the same way that we used to.
- Google's not recognizing those phrases on
- 11 our website, so it's not serving our website as
- 12 prominently as it otherwise would.
- And so, for all those reasons, you would
- 14 definitely see a decline in traffic.
- MR. MATESKY: Objection. Entirely
- 16 speculation.
- 17 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 18 Q Would AMM lose prospective ministers if it
- 19 were not -- if it could not use the phrase "get
- 20 ordained"?
- 21 MR. MATESKY: Same objection. Calls for
- 22 speculation, predicting the future in a hypothetical
- 23 world.
- 24 THE WITNESS: Well, in a nonhypothetical, I
- 25 think it's -- we have seen data that very clearly

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- 2 indicates that, you know, using "get ordained" more
- 3 prominently translates into a higher conversion
- 4 rate, which basically says that, yes, using
- 5 "ordained" makes it more likely that you're going to
- 6 have people go through the process of ordination.
- 7 That's pretty clear.
- 8 MR. MATESKY: Objection to the extent the
- 9 witness is referring to documents that have not been
- 10 produced and hearsay.
- 11 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 12 Q When you used the term "conversion rate,"
- 13 can you explain what you mean by that?
- 14 A Yeah. That's just a -- that's just a way
- 15 of referencing when people on the website click a
- 16 certain button or do a certain thing. So in our
- 17 case, when I'm using the phrase "conversion rate,"
- 18 it's people landing on the website, submitting an
- 19 ordination application, and landing on the
- 20 "ordination success" page.
- The minute you click that "ordain me"
- 22 button and you become ordained, you land on the
- 23 "ordination success" page, that triggers a
- 24 conversion.
- 25 (Interruption by the reporter.)

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- 2 THE WITNESS: That triggers a conversion.
- 3 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 4 Q So is a conversion the success rate at
- 5 converting people from just visiting the website to
- 6 becoming ordained ministers through the AMM website?
- 7 MR. MATESKY: Objection. Confusing.
- 8 THE WITNESS: Yeah, that's the way that I'm
- 9 using the phrase. I mean, in generic terms, a
- 10 conversion can mean any number of things. A lot of
- 11 e-commerce websites use the term "conversion" to
- 12 reference a purchase.
- But we are -- in the context that I'm using
- 14 it today, it's in reference to someone becoming
- 15 ordained.
- 16 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 17 Q Okay. If AMM were to stop using the phrase
- 18 "get ordained," would AMM lose revenue?
- 19 MR. MATESKY: Objection. Calls for
- 20 speculation.
- 21 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 22 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- Q Why do you think that?
- MR. MATESKY: Objection. Calls for
- 25 improper opinion testimony.

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- 2 Go ahead.
- 3 THE WITNESS: Well, we know that the search
- 4 term "get ordained" drives a lot of traffic to our
- 5 website, a good percentage of which represents
- 6 people who go through the ordination process and
- 7 then end up purchasing documents or other
- 8 ministerial supplies.
- 9 So we can see a direct correlation between
- 10 the use of that phrase and people purchasing
- 11 products. So you take that phrase out of the
- 12 equation, those people are going to go to other
- 13 websites that are still using "get ordained" because
- 14 that's what they were searching for.
- And the websites that are using that phrase
- 16 will be able to cash in on traffic and conversions
- 17 and ministers purchasing ministerial products that
- 18 would have otherwise gone to our website.
- MR. MATESKY: I'll also object to the
- 20 response in addition to previously stated grounds as
- 21 hearsay, and to the extent he's representing facts
- 22 represented in some other documents as true, also to
- 23 the extent he's referring to documents that have not
- 24 been produced.
- MS. MENNEMEIER: I have no further

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- 2 questions.
- MR. MATESKY: Okay. We are going to have
- 4 some cross-examination questions. Let's tentatively
- 5 say a 15-minute break. But if I think I'm going to
- 6 need more, I'll let you know. Well, okay. So what
- 7 is it? It's 2:23. Let's say -- let's try to get
- 8 back at 2:45. How's that?
- 9 MS. MENNEMEIER: Okay.
- MR. MATESKY: Okay. Thank you.
- 11 (Recess taken from 2:23 p.m.
- 12 to 2:52 p.m.)
- MR. MATESKY: Okay. Are we back on the
- 14 record?
- 15 THE COURT REPORTER: Sure thing.
- 16 - -
- 17 EXAMINATION
- 18 BY MR. MATESKY:
- 19 Q All right. Mr. King, I'm going to ask you
- 20 some questions. And, just as a reminder, if you can
- 21 answer somewhat slowly, it will be easier for the
- 22 court reporter to take down your answer.
- 23 A Roger that.
- Q Mr. King, are you an attorney?
- 25 A No.

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- 2 Q Are you licensed to practice law anywhere?
- 3 MS. MENNEMEIER: Objection. Relevance.
- 4 THE WITNESS: No.
- 5 BY MR. MATESKY:
- 6 Q Are you a legal expert?
- 7 MS. MENNEMEIER: Objection. Relevance.
- 8 THE WITNESS: What is a legal expert?
- 9 BY MR. MATESKY:
- 10 Q In your opinion, are you a legal expert?
- MS. MENNEMEIER: Same objection.
- 12 THE WITNESS: I have a probably
- 13 above-average understanding of the law. So I don't
- 14 know. I don't know.
- 15 BY MR. MATESKY:
- 16 Q Did you testify earlier that someone who is
- 17 ordained through an organization is empowered to
- 18 perform certain actions in that organization's name?
- MS. MENNEMEIER: Objection to the extent it
- 20 mischaracterized prior testimony.
- 21 THE WITNESS: I believe so.
- 22 BY MR. MATESKY:
- 23 Q Okay. And is that true of AMM?
- 24 A Yes.
- 25 Q And, to the best of your knowledge, is that

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- 2 true of ULCMS?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q You testified earlier that you were
- 5 ordained through ULCMS, AMM, and the church of
- 6 Dudeism; is that right?
- 7 A That's correct.
- 8 Q And did you testify earlier that you knew
- 9 people who had become ministers with other
- 10 organizations?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q How do you know that those people had
- 13 become ministers with the other organizations?
- 14 A Well, I know this because in one instance I
- 15 saw a confirmation of their ordination that was sent
- 16 to them by the organization that ordained one
- 17 individual.
- 18 In other cases I have had conversations
- 19 with people where they informed me of the fact that
- 20 they were ordained by organizations.
- 21 Q So other than the instance in which you
- 22 viewed a certificate, is it fair to say you know
- 23 this because they told you so?
- MS. MENNEMEIER: Objection.
- 25 Mischaracterizes prior testimony.

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- 2 THE WITNESS: I guess it's worth adding to
- 3 that that they also officiated weddings as ordained
- 4 ministers. So presumably, unless they were acting
- 5 in violation of the law, they had actually done what
- 6 they said they did.
- 7 BY MR. MATESKY:
- 8 Q So, then, is it fair to say that, again,
- 9 setting aside the example of the certificate, that
- 10 you believe the people you referred to had become
- 11 ordained members of other organizations because they
- 12 told you so and because they acted as if they were
- 13 ordained with those organizations?
- MS. MENNEMEIER: Objection. Misleading,
- 15 ambiguous, mischaracterizes prior testimony.
- THE WITNESS: That's certainly a part of
- 17 it. It's worth adding to that that another
- 18 individual who I -- who I know was ordained as a
- 19 Pasta- -- the Church of Pastafarianism, she was
- 20 publicly quoted in a newspaper article that she was
- 21 a minister of that organization -- that she was
- 22 ordained by that organization.
- 23 And I've seen her make public
- 24 representations to other people aside from myself
- 25 where she...

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- 2 BY MR. MATESKY:
- 3 Q So let me ask the question again, I guess.
- 4 How do you know, since -- just trying to
- 5 get a complete answer since you're, you know, adding
- 6 in new things each time I ask the question.
- 7 How do you know that these other people
- 8 became ministers with these other organizations?
- 9 MS. MENNEMEIER: Objection. Asked and
- 10 answered.
- 11 THE WITNESS: So compiling my -- or
- 12 consolidating all my previous answers, because in
- 13 some -- in an instance I saw an ordination record;
- 14 two, I was told by those individuals that that was
- 15 the case; three, they officiated weddings that would
- 16 have required them to be ordained ministers; and
- 17 four, because I read about it in external newspaper
- 18 articles and saw a video of them representing
- 19 themselves to be such.
- 20 BY MR. MATESKY:
- 21 Q Okay. Is there any other basis that you
- 22 haven't mentioned?
- 23 A No.
- 24 Q Okay. I believe you testified earlier that
- 25 you became a ULCMS minister through the

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- 2 GetOrdained.org website; is that accurate?
- 3 A That is accurate.
- 4 Q When did that occur?
- 5 A I don't know the exact date. It wouldn't
- 6 be more than a year ago.
- 7 Q Would it have been more than ten years ago?
- 8 A No. It would have been during my tenure at
- 9 American Marriage Ministries. So...
- 10 Q And could you remind me, again, when that
- 11 started?
- 12 A Sure. About two and a half years ago.
- 13 Q Did you receive any confirmation of that
- 14 process?
- MS. MENNEMEIER: Objection. Vague,
- 16 misleading, ambiguous.
- 17 THE WITNESS: I don't know. And the reason
- 18 I say that is I probably didn't give my real e-mail
- 19 because I didn't want to get spammed.
- 20 But I know I have received e-mails from
- 21 ULC.org. So I guess I got ordained there as well.
- 22 BY MR. MATESKY:
- 24 (Interruption by the reporter.)
- 25 ///

- 1 LEWIS KING SEPTEMBER 11, 2020
- 2 BY MR. MATESKY:
- 3 Q Do you know which website you became a
- 4 minister through?
- 5 A Yes, I do.
- 6 MS. MENNEMEIER: Objection. Asked and
- 7 answered, argumentative.
- 8 BY MR. MATESKY:
- 9 Q Was it more than one?
- 10 A It was more than one.
- 11 Q Which websites -- strike that. Let me
- 12 start over.
- For which websites did you become a
- 14 minister with ULCMS?
- 15 A As I previously stated, GetOrdained and
- 16 ULC.org and possibly even the monastery. I don't
- 17 know. I know I probably got ordained with all three
- 18 at one point or another just to check out the
- 19 functionality.
- 20 Q Okay. So earlier I asked if you knew, and
- 21 you said yes. Now you're saying you don't know. So
- 22 I'm just trying to clarify what you do and don't
- 23 know.
- MS. MENNEMEIER: Objection.
- 25 Mischaracterizes prior testimony.

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- 2 BY MR. MATESKY:
- 3 Q I guess we'll let that testimony stand for
- 4 itself.
- 5 Am I correct -- let me start that over.
- 6 Did you testify earlier that AMM is a
- 7 church?
- 8 A Today?
- 9 Q Yes.
- 10 A I don't recall if I testified earlier today
- 11 that AMM was a church.
- 12 O Is AMM a church?
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 Q When someone becomes a minister of AMM, is
- 15 AMM providing an ecclesiastical service?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q Okay. I am going to direct your attention
- 18 to Exhibit 47.
- Do you recognize this document?
- 20 A Yes, I do.
- 21 Q Do you recognize this document as
- 22 Exhibit 47 introduced earlier today?
- 23 A Yes, I do.
- Q When did you produce this document?
- 25 A Yesterday.

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- 2 Q And which dates are covered by this
- 3 document?
- 4 Let me ask that question a better way.
- 5 What is the date range covered by the
- 6 information in this document?
- 7 A Well, it's January 1st, 2004, through the
- 8 end of, I guess, and including September 10th, 2020.
- 9 Q Was this produced for use in this
- 10 opposition matter?
- MS. MENNEMEIER: Objection. Vague,
- 12 misleading, confusing, and ambiguous to the extent
- 13 the word "produce" is being used.
- MR. MATESKY: Yeah, I'll ask the question a
- 15 different way.
- 16 BY MR. MATESKY:
- 17 Q Did you create this document for use in
- 18 this trademark opposition proceeding?
- MS. MENNEMEIER: And objection to the
- 20 extent that that calls for attorney-client privilege
- 21 or work product information.
- To the extent you can answer the question
- 23 without revealing any conversation or discussions
- 24 with counsel, you can answer.
- THE WITNESS: Can you repeat the question,

- 1 LEWIS KING SEPTEMBER 11, 2020
- 2 please?
- 3 MR. MATESKY: Sure. I'll have Marla read
- 4 it back just to make sure I don't screw it up by
- 5 trying to rephrase it.
- 6 (The record was read as follows:
- 8 in this trademark opposition
- 9 proceeding?)
- 10 MS. MENNEMEIER: Same objections. Also
- 11 confusing and ambiguous and misleading.
- 12 THE WITNESS: I'm not entirely sure.
- 13 BY MR. MATESKY:
- 14 Q Do you know why you created this document?
- MS. MENNEMEIER: Same objections.
- 16 THE WITNESS: I created this document to --
- 17 I mean, I captured this -- I took this screenshot,
- 18 if you will, to present the information that we
- 19 covered earlier today.
- 20 BY MR. MATESKY:
- 21 Q To present it to whom?
- MS. MENNEMEIER: Same objections.
- THE WITNESS: Anyone who's on this call
- 24 right now.
- 25 ///

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- 2 BY MR. MATESKY:
- 3 Q Did you create this document for any other
- 4 purpose?
- 5 MS. MENNEMEIER: Same objections.
- 6 THE WITNESS: No.
- 7 BY MR. MATESKY:
- 8 Q Mr. King, you realize that this call, as
- 9 you referred to it, is part of a trademark
- 10 opposition proceeding, right?
- 11 MS. MENNEMEIER: Objection to the extent it
- 12 mischaracterizes prior testimony.
- 13 THE WITNESS: That is -- that is certainly
- 14 part of it.
- 15 BY MR. MATESKY:
- 16 Q That's part of what?
- 17 A A trademark opposition proceeding.
- 18 Q Oh, okay. Okay.
- 19 Have you ever produced a document with
- 20 similar information for the phrase "get ordained"
- 21 previously to creation of this document reflected in
- 22 Exhibit 47?
- MS. MENNEMEIER: Objection. Vague and
- 24 confusing and ambiguous to the extent it uses the
- 25 term "produced."

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- 2 MR. MATESKY: Sure. I'll try to rephrase.
- 3 BY MR. MATESKY:
- 4 Q Prior to creating this document that we
- 5 see, Exhibit 47, have you ever created a similar
- 6 document containing similar data sets for the phrase
- 7 "get ordained"?
- 8 MS. MENNEMEIER: Same objections with
- 9 respect to the word "create."
- 10 THE WITNESS: I don't know. And the reason
- 11 I'm saying I don't know is that it's possible that I
- 12 could have downloaded other -- made an attempt to
- 13 download other similar data in the last couple of
- 14 weeks. However, generally, I probably wouldn't have
- 15 because the data is very well represented visually
- 16 here.
- So I just -- I mean, if it's right here, I
- 18 don't need to -- you can generally -- it's so easy
- 19 to access by just punching in the search term that
- 20 there's no point in downloading it.
- 21 BY MR. MATESKY:
- 22 Q Did you create this document?
- MS. MENNEMEIER: Same objections regarding
- 24 the word "create."
- 25 THE WITNESS: I used a -- what do you call

- 1 LEWIS KING SEPTEMBER 11, 2020
- 2 it? -- like, a Google add-on or some -- oh, man.
- 3 What's the technical term for that?
- 4 BY MR. MATESKY:
- 5 Q So I'm not going to testify.
- 6 A Yeah, no, give me a second here. I'm
- 7 having a brain fart. There's a -- I'm going to just
- 8 call it an add-on for now. And if I can clarify
- 9 this later, I will.
- But there's, like, an add-on app that you
- 11 can use to capture a whole screenshot. And you just
- 12 click that button up at the top right corner, and
- 13 Google captures -- or your Chrome, sorry -- an
- 14 extension. Boom. I used a Chrome extension.
- 15 Q So you used a Chrome extension to create
- 16 this document?
- 17 A To capture this image.
- 18 Q Okay. I am going to direct your attention
- 19 to Exhibit 48.
- 20 Sorry. This is looking a little funny on
- 21 my screen right now. I'm not quite sure why. Fine.
- 22 Can you see the document?
- 23 A I can see part of it.
- 24 Q I'm sorry. For some reason, this is
- 25 looking different than it normally does for me.

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- 2 Give me a moment.
- Well, if you need me to scroll, let me
- 4 know, although -- I could send this to you in an
- 5 e-mail if that's easier, because for some reason
- 6 this is looking different than I'm used to all of a
- 7 sudden.
- 8 Do you recognize this document?
- 9 A Can you scroll up and to the left?
- 10 Q Honestly, I don't know if I can. For some
- 11 reason -- I don't know if it's just because it's in
- 12 Excel or what. That's not what I want.
- 13 All right. I'm going to pause sharing
- 14 and -- have you -- Kelly, did you send these to him
- 15 in an e-mail earlier?
- MS. MENNEMEIER: I don't know that I have
- 17 sent these to him in an e-mail. I can certainly do
- 18 so.
- 19 MR. MATESKY: I don't know if it's just
- 20 because of the file format or what, but it looks
- 21 very different on my screen when I try to share that
- 22 one when compared to others. We can probably go off
- 23 the record for a minute.
- 24 (Recess taken from 3:11 p.m.
- 25 to 3:12 p.m.)

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- 2 MR. MATESKY: So I'm reintroducing
- 3 Exhibit 48 to ask Mr. King questions about it.
- 4 BY MR. MATESKY:
- 5 Q Can you see this document?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q Okay. Do you recognize this document as
- 8 Exhibit 48 introduced earlier today?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q Okay. Did you create this document?
- 11 A I downloaded --
- MS. MENNEMEIER: Objection. Vague,
- 13 ambiguous, and confusing to the extent it uses the
- 14 word -- to the extent the question uses the word
- 15 "create."
- 16 THE WITNESS: I downloaded this data that
- 17 was used to create this document.
- 18 BY MR. MATESKY:
- 19 Q How did you obtain this document?
- 20 A If you'll recall that little "download"
- 21 button that we discussed earlier in the deposition,
- 22 I pressed it.
- 23 Q So is it fair to say you caused this
- 24 document to be created?
- 25 A Not this particular document, but a

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- 2 document that was used -- the data where I -- yes, I
- 3 mean, I didn't cause this document -- I mean, in
- 4 that one causes anything to happen, I mean, I guess
- 5 I was a part of a chain of actions that ended up
- 6 with this document.
- 7 But I didn't -- this particular document,
- 8 no.
- 9 Q Do you know who did create this document?
- 10 A I believe --
- MS. MENNEMEIER: Same objections.
- 12 THE WITNESS: -- Kelly did.
- 13 (Interruption by the reporter.)
- MR. MATESKY: I'm sorry. Did you get that?
- MS. MENNEMEIER: Same objections.
- THE WITNESS: Sorry. I'll give you guys
- 17 some space to do this -- objection to questions.
- 18 So the --
- 19 BY MR. MATESKY:
- 20 Q And before you follow --
- 21 And did you get his response?
- 22 (The record was read as follows:
- 23 A I believe Kelly did.)
- 24 BY MR. MATESKY:
- Q Okay. If you have more to say, that's

- 1 LEWIS KING SEPTEMBER 11, 2020
- 2 fine. I just wanted to make sure we -- since there
- 3 was some talking over.
- 4 A Nope. I was just going to say essentially
- 5 the same thing.
- 6 Q Which dates -- or, sorry, let me rephrase
- 7 that.
- 8 What is the date range of data covered in
- 9 this document?
- 10 A The date range of data --
- 11 MS. MENNEMEIER: Objection. Asked and
- 12 answered.
- 13 THE WITNESS: Sorry. The date range of
- 14 data covered in this document is 1-1-04 through
- 15 9-10-20, through yesterday.
- 16 BY MR. MATESKY:
- 17 Q So do you see on line 2 where it says:
- "Get ordained: (1/1/04-9/11/20)"?
- 19 A Yeah, I do.
- 20 Q Why does this document give the date range
- 21 as ending 9/11/20?
- 22 A Because it's through 9-10, so it's
- 23 including 9-10. So it's the data through 9-11.
- 24 It's a couple of things. I mean, I think it's
- 25 basically how Google probably rounds and says,

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- 2 "Okay, well, this data was collected late on the
- 3 10th. So we're going to factor that day in and say
- 4 that it runs through 9-11, but not including."
- 5 Q And what's your basis for that testimony?
- 6 A My basis -- you know, I started -- I
- 7 encountered this same thing happening in the past.
- 8 Like, for example, Google Analytics doesn't
- 9 necessarily -- I don't -- the way that Google
- 10 Analytics starts and stops the days doesn't
- 11 necessarily correspond to yours and my midnight and
- 12 my -- yeah, like, they're just on their own separate
- 13 clock, and I don't know exactly what that clock is.
- 14 It could be like a Greenwich standard time
- 15 or eastern standard time or whatever. They've got
- 16 their own way of measuring these things.
- 17 Q Okay. I'm going to direct your attention
- 18 to Exhibit 49.
- Can you see this document?
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 Q Do you recognize this document as
- 22 Exhibit 49 introduced earlier today?
- 23 A Yes.
- 24 Q Do you know who created this document?
- MS. MENNEMEIER: Objection. Asked and

- 1 LEWIS KING SEPTEMBER 11, 2020
- 2 answered. Also, objection, vague, ambiguous, and
- 3 confusing to the extent it uses the word "create."
- 4 THE WITNESS: I know that the exact same
- 5 circumstances apply as we discussed in the previous
- 6 document -- I think it was 48 that we just looked
- 7 at -- and that I download this data and sent it to
- 8 Kelly last night.
- 9 BY MR. MATESKY:
- 10 Q So, just to clarify, I'm not referring to
- 11 the data in -- reflected within this document but
- 12 the document itself.
- So do you know who created this document?
- MS. MENNEMEIER: Asked and answered. Also,
- 15 ambiguous, confusing, misleading.
- I think not only with respect to the word
- 17 "create," but also now with respect to the word
- 18 "document."
- 19 THE WITNESS: So I guess we could say that
- 20 multiple people were involved in representing this
- 21 data in relatively the same way that we're looking
- 22 at it right now on the screen starting with myself
- 23 entering the search parameters into Google Trends,
- 24 downloading that data, and sending that on to Kelly.
- 25 And then some additional steps transpired

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- 2 in between then and now, and now we're looking at
- 3 it. So I can't speak for what other people were
- 4 doing.
- 5 MS. MENNEMEIER: It may be helpful to ask,
- 6 Mike, whether the data contained in the document is
- 7 the same data that Mr. King downloaded.
- 8 MR. MATESKY: I think I'm okay.
- 9 BY MR. MATESKY:
- 10 Q Mr. King, do you work for Google?
- 11 THE WITNESS: Last time I checked my bank
- 12 account, that didn't seem to be the case.
- 13 BY MR. MATESKY:
- 14 Q I understand, but if you could just answer
- 15 yes or no, that'll help us get a clear transcript.
- 16 A Let's go with no.
- 17 Q Okay. Have you ever worked for Google?
- 18 A No.
- MR. MATESKY: I think those are all my
- 20 questions.
- MS. MENNEMEIER: Okay. I expect to have
- 22 some redirect. But I'm going to need a few minutes
- 23 to get my notes together.
- MR. MATESKY: Sure.
- MS. MENNEMEIER: 3:20 right now. If we can

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- 2 plan on resuming 3:30.
- 3 MR. MATESKY: Fine with me.
- 4 MS. MENNEMEIER: For everybody?
- 5 THE WITNESS: Cool.
- 6 MS. MENNEMEIER: Okay.
- 7 (Recess taken from 3:21 p.m.
- 8 to 3:32 p.m.)
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- 10 FURTHER EXAMINATION
- 11 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 12 Q Mr. King, when you testified earlier that
- 13 you have an above-average knowledge of law, what's
- 14 your basis for saying that?
- 15 A My basis for saying that is a number of
- 16 things. It's having -- well, first off, I don't
- 17 think the average individual has read that much
- 18 marriage law. I think I've read most of it, at
- 19 least as it appears on our website.
- I've also worked with -- as I mentioned
- 21 earlier, I've worked with lawmakers, even testifying
- 22 in committee to help them understand the
- 23 implications of the marriage law amendments that
- 24 they were discussing.
- 25 And I've had conversations with lawmakers

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- 2 so that the actual, like, creation at this level of
- 3 this law, ensuring that it doesn't undercut the
- 4 standing of our ministers.
- 5 So from that perspective, I'd say just, you
- 6 know, compared to the average, I'm well above it in
- 7 terms of engagement with marriage law.
- 8 Q Is your experience with law particularly
- 9 focused on marriage law?
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q Then I'd like to refer your attention to
- 12 Exhibit 48. Let me pull that up.
- 13 And can you see this exhibit?
- 14 A Yes, I can.
- 15 Q Is the data that appears in this exhibit
- 16 the same data that you downloaded yesterday from
- 17 Google Trends?
- 18 A Yes, it is.
- 19 MR. MATESKY: Objection. Foundation.
- 20 BY MS. MENNEMEIER:
- 21 Q Are there any modifications that you see to
- 22 this data from the data that you downloaded from
- 23 Google Trends yesterday?
- 24 A It's in a different format, but the data
- 25 itself is unchanged.

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- 2 0 What about the format is different?
- 3 A This is an Excel file. So the -- just the
- 4 interface that we're looking at it in is different
- 5 than the one that it was downloaded as, which was a
- 6 CSV. But that's just an issue of which program
- 7 you're using to open it.
- 8 Q Okay. Then I will direct your attention to
- 9 Exhibit 49.
- 10 And can you see Exhibit 49?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q Is the data that appears in Exhibit 49 the
- 13 same data as the data you downloaded from Google
- 14 Trends yesterday pertaining to the search term "get
- 15 ordained" with the search parameters of the past
- 16 year?
- 17 A Yes, it is.
- 18 Q In looking at this exhibit, has the data
- 19 that you downloaded yesterday been modified in any
- 20 way?
- 21 A The data has not.
- MR. MATESKY: Lack of personal knowledge.
- 23 THE WITNESS: No. It's the same data that
- 24 I downloaded.
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- 2 BY MS. MENNEMETER:
- 3 Q How do you know that?
- 4 A I know because I looked at the data before
- 5 I sent it over and I compared it to what I'm looking
- 6 at. And the data is unchanged. The only difference
- 7 is that we're looking at it through -- you've
- 8 essentially opened the data that I sent you in a
- 9 different program.
- 10 MS. MENNEMEIER: And I have no further
- 11 questions.
- I think with that, we are done with you,
- 13 Mr. King. Thank you very much for your time.
- 14 THE WITNESS: Thank you very much,
- 15 everyone.
- MS. MENNEMEIER: And I think we can go off
- 17 the record.
- 18 (Time noted: 3:37 p.m. PDT)
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- 1 LEWIS KING - SEPTEMBER 11, 2020 CERTIFICATE OF CERTIFIED SHORTHAND REPORTER I, Marla Sharp, a stenographic reporter 4 certified in California, Oregon, and Washington, 5 hereby certify: 6 That the foregoing videoconference 7 deposition of LEWIS KING was taken remotely before me on September 11, 2020, at which time the witness 8 9 was remotely duly sworn by me; 10 That the testimony of the witness and all 11 colloguy and objections made at the time of the 12 deposition were recorded stenographically by me and 13 thereafter transcribed, said transcript being a true 14 copy of my shorthand notes thereof; 15 That review of the transcript was 16 requested before completion of the deposition; ( ) that the witness has failed or refused to 17 18 approve the transcript.
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Storehouse, Inc.

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Page	Line	From	То	Reason
10	6	"our"	(6 ))	Misspoke
10	24	"sort of"	دد ب <sub>2</sub>	Misspoke
11	10	"incidentally"	(6 ))	Misspoke
14	24	"English"	CC 37	Misspoke
15	6	"ministries"	"ordinations"	Misspoke
15	19	"sort of"	۵۵ بر	Misspoke
17	17	"sort of"	۲۲ ۲۶	Misspoke
20	13	"sort of"	۲۲ ۲۶	Misspoke
20	20	"just in"	"with"	Misspoke
24	3	"brick or mortar"	"brick and mortar"	Transcription error
26	21	"sort of"	۲۲ ۲۶	Misspoke
27	24	"sort of"	۲۲ ۲۶	Misspoke
28	2	"sort of"	۲۵ کا	Misspoke
30	2	"sort of"	۵۵ بر	Misspoke
37	4	"they"	دد ب <sub>2</sub>	Misspoke
40	12	"the amm.org"	"theamm.org"	Transcription error
46	13	"sort of"	(6 ))	Misspoke
47	2	"sort of"	(6 ))	Misspoke
53	17	"the organization of	"a Universal Life Church	Misspoke
		Universal Life Church"	organization"	
55	4	"no"	"no, it's not the same"	Misspoke
61	20	"make sure"	"to make sure"	Transcription error
62	22	"personal sort of"	۲۲ ۲۶	Misspoke
64	15	"at what"	cc >>	Misspoke
66	20	"sort of the"	دد ب <sub>2</sub>	Misspoke
67	20	"in all of"	"on"	Transcription error
74	12	"who"	(6 ))	Misspoke
74	13	"just as"	"it in"	Misspoke
75	15	"the amm.org"	"theamm.org"	Transcription error
75	17	"the"	"a"	Misspoke
77	9	"venue"	cc >>	Misspoke
77	15	"sort of"	cc 22	Misspoke
81	14	"sort of"	CC 27	Misspoke
83	13	"sort of"	CC 27	Misspoke
84	14-15	"over the"	"evening"	Transcription error
90	14-15	"how to get ordained"	"how to get ordained"	Transcription error
		"where would you want	"where would you want to	Transcription error

Page	Line	From	To	Reason
		to get ordained?"	get ordained?"	
		"you get ordained online"	"'you get ordained online"	Transcription error
92	6	"kind of"	66 27	Misspoke
93	16	"sort of"	44 27	Misspoke
95	8	"sort of"	44 27	Misspoke
95	9	"sort of, like"	46 27	Misspoke
98	5	"ordained"	"get ordained"	Transcription error
99	14	"today"	"here"	Misspoke
102	13	"so"	"but"	Misspoke
106	5	"wouldn't"	"would"	Transcription error
107	16-17	"I don't know"	46 22	Misspoke
115	16	"this"	"the"	Misspoke
122	2-3	"And I've had conversations with lawmakers so that the actual, like, creation at this level of this law, ensuring that it doesn't undercut the standing of our ministers"	"And I've had conversations with lawmakers during the legislative process to ensure that their legislation doesn't undercut the standing of our ministers."	Misspoke

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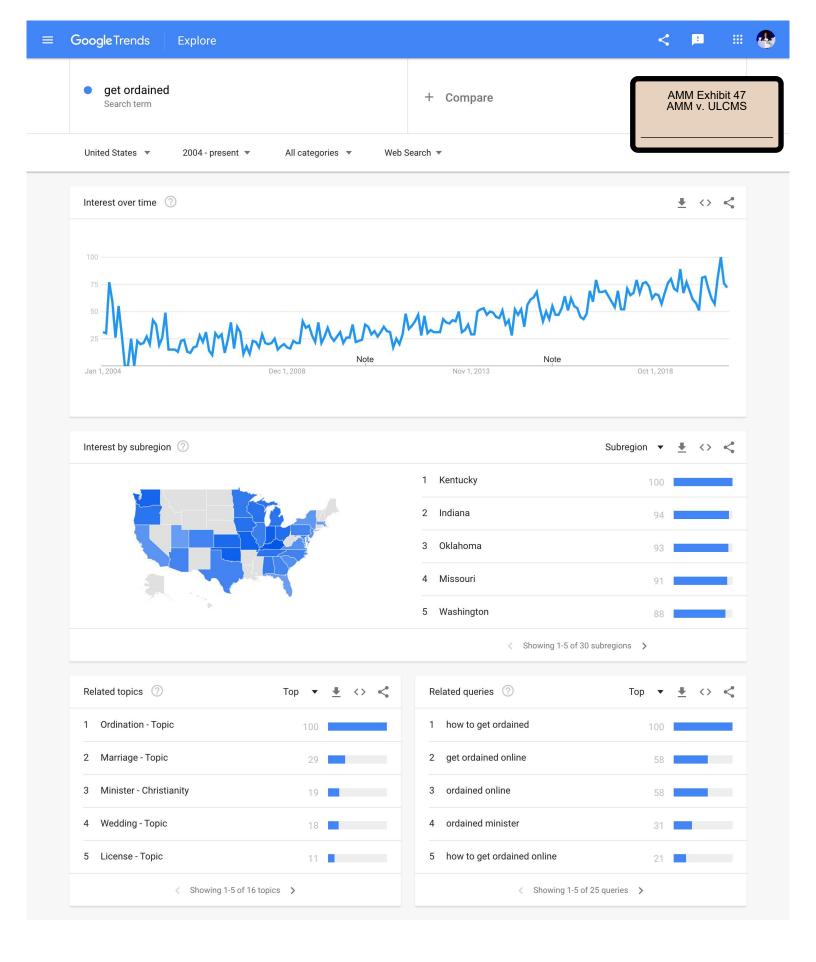
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